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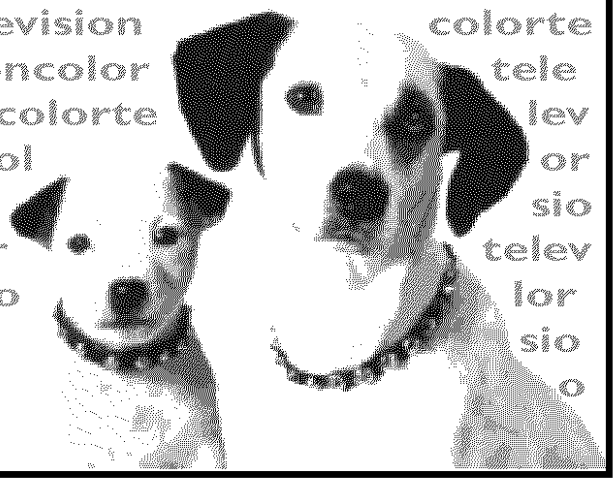

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IMPORTANT INFORMATION

WARNING

To reduce the risk of fire or shock hazard, do not expose this TV to rain or moisture.

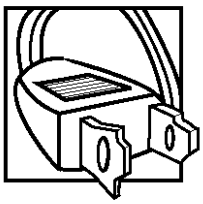
WARNING

RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT OPEN

To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not remove cover (or back). No user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel.

This symbol indicates "dangerous voltage" inside the product that presents a risk of electric shock or personal injury.

This symbol indicates important instructions accompanying the product.



Caution: To reduce the risk of electric shock, match wide blade of plug to wide slot, fully insert.

Attention: Pour éviter les chocs électriques, introduire la lame la plus large de la fiche dans la borne correspondante de la prise et pousser jusqú au fond.

Refer to the identification/rating label located on the back panel of your product for its proper operating voltage.

FCC Regulations state that unauthorized changes or modifications to this equipment may void the user's authority to operate it.

If fixed (non-moving) images are left on the screen for long periods, they may be permanently imprinted on the screen. Such images include network logos, phone numbers, and video games. This damage is not covered by your warranty. Extended viewing of channels displaying these images should be avoided.

Cable TV Installer: This reminder is provided to call your attention to Article 820-40 of the National Electrical Code (Section 54 of the Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1) which provides guidelines for proper grounding and, in particular, specifies that the cable ground shall be connected to the grounding system of the building as close to the point of cable entry as practical.

Product Registration

Please fill out the product registration card and return it immediately. Returning the card allows us to contact you if needed.

Keep your sales receipt to obtain warranty parts and service and for proof of purchase. Attach it here and record the serial and model numbers in case you need them. The numbers are located on the back of the television.

Model No. _____

Serial No. _____

Purchase Date: _____

Dealer/Address/Phone: _____

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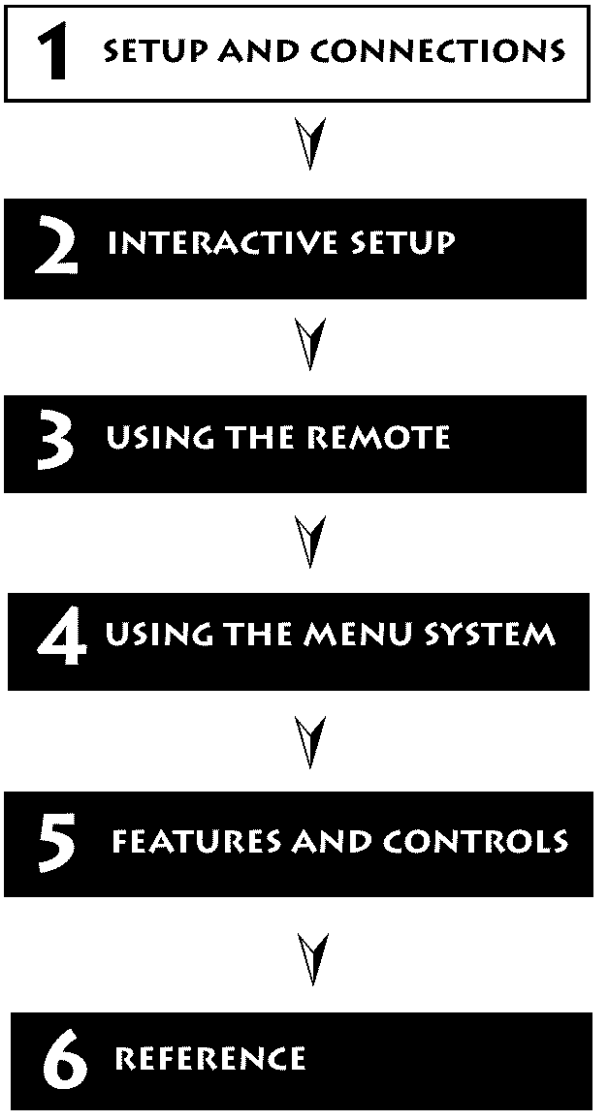
SETUP AND CONNECTIONS

GETTING STARTED

This manual is designed to get you started quickly. The first five sections of the manual show you how to get your TV Setup and Connected, run the Interactive Setup, and use all of the menus, features, and controls of your TV.

The Reference section in the back of the book contains troubleshooting tips, care and cleaning instructions, accessory ordering information and your warranty.

Well… if your TV's out of the box, let's get started.



Check out the notes that have been added throughout the manual in these Tip Boxes. There are some important tips that will help you get the most from your TV.

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STEP 1: UNPACK THE TV

Make sure to locate the remote control.

STEP 2: CONNECT YOUR TV

There are three types of connections outlined in this section:

TV Only: If you're only going to connect the TV to your home antenna or cable system.

The Basic Connection: If you're going to connect the TV to a VCR or satellite receiver.

Advanced Connections: If you're going to make multiple connections, hooking up the TV to a VCR and a satellite receiver.

Cable information and illustrations are given for each type of connection. Once you have completed your desired connection you may skip forward to Step 3.

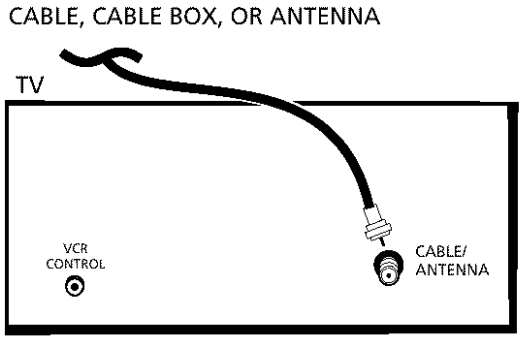
TV ONLY

This is a basic connection from an antenna or cable system to your TV. Connect the cable into the Cable/Antenna jack as shown.

Cables

You will use the following cable to make your connection:

Coaxial Cable: These cables carry audio and video signals to the TV from an antenna, cable, or cable box.



Once you have completed this connection you may skip to Step 3, "Connect the IR Controller."

Important Stand Information

CAUTION: Choose the location for your TV carefully. Take precautions that the stand or other furniture on which the TV is placed is properly located (see Important Safeguards sheet) and of adequate size and strength to prevent the TV from accidentally being tipped over, pushed off, or pulled off. This could cause damage to the TV and/or personal injury.

Before You Connect

Protect against power surges:

- **Connect all components before plugging any power cords into the wall outlet.**
- **Turn off the TV and/or component before connecting or disconnecting any cables.**
- **Make sure all antennas and cables are properly grounded. Refer to the Important Safeguards sheet packed with your TV.**

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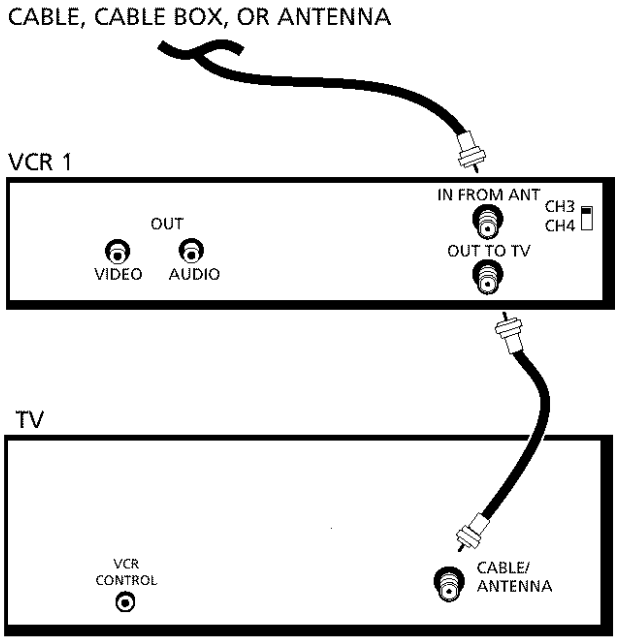
THE BASIC CONNECTION

The basic connection below (TV and VCR) is the most common connection and is therefore used to illustrate a single component connection with your TV. For multiple component connection information refer to the next section, *Advanced Connections*.

Cables

You will use the following type of cable to make your connection:

Coaxial Cables: In this connection, two Coaxial Cables are used: one connects from an antenna, cable, or cable box to the VCR, and one connects from the VCR to the TV. These cables carry both audio and video signals.



Once you have completed this connection you may skip to Step 3, "Connect the IR Controller."

How to View the VCR

To watch the VCR in this connection, tune the TV to Channel 3 or 4.

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ADVANCED CONNECTIONS

Advanced connections enable you to connect multiple components.

This section describes the types of inputs available on the back of your TV and suggests ways you can use them for optimum performance.

Once you have made your connections, you will need to program the TV to tune to the correct channel in order to see and hear audio and video from the component.

Back of the TV

The diagram below describes each of the back panel jacks.

VCR Control

Connect the GUIDE Plus+ system IR controller for one-button recording and channel tuning from the GUIDE Plus+ system.

Cable/Antenna

Takes the signal input from a cable, cable box, or an off-air antenna. Can also be used for basic component connections.

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Sample Connections

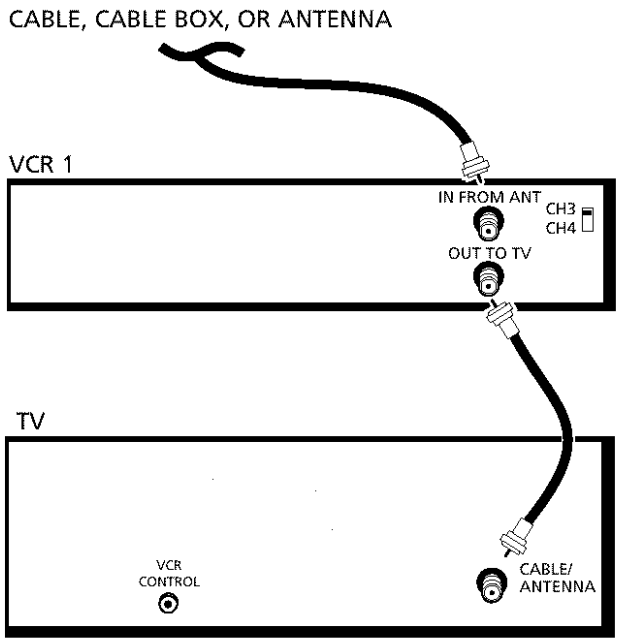
The following are sample connection scenarios you may encounter when connecting components to your TV.

Cables

You will use the following type of cable to make your connection:

Coaxial Cables: Carries the signal from the antenna or cable directly to the television or through a cable box, as needed by your cable system.

TV and VCR



Cautions:

Position Cables to Avoid Audio Hum or Interference

- **Insert all cables firmly into jacks.**
- **Try not to coil any twin-lead cables and keep them away from any audio/video cables.**

Protect Your Components From Overheating

- **Do not block ventilation holes in any of the components. Arrange the components so that air can circulate freely.**
- **Do not stack components.**
- **Allow adequate ventilation when placing your components in a stand.**
- **Place an amplifier on the top shelf of the stand so heated air rising from it will not flow around other components.**

How to View Your VCR

To watch the VCR in this connection, turn on both the TV and the VCR, then tune the TV to the channel you specify on the back of the VCR (in this case, channel 3).

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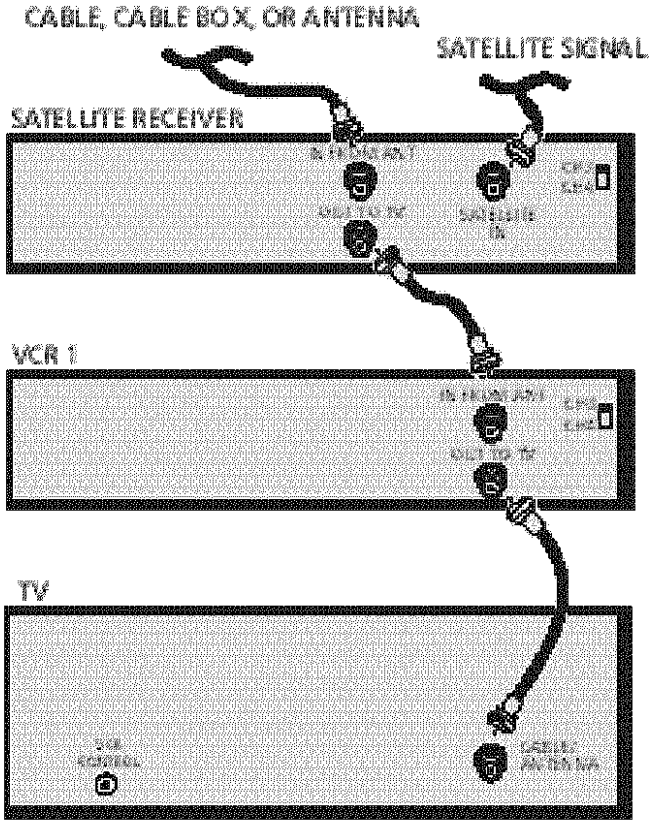
TV, VCR and Satellite Receiver



How to View Your Components

To watch the satellite receiver in this connection, turn on the TV and the satellite receiver and press 03 (or 04) to tune the TV to the correct channel.

To watch the VCR in this connection, turn on the TV and VCR, enter 03 (or 04) to tune to the VCR channel, and use the VCR buttons to play, rewind, etc.

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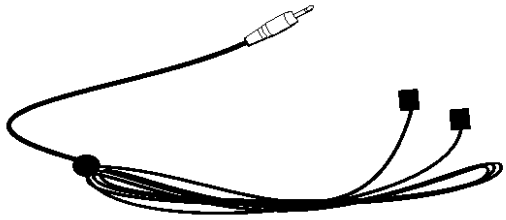
STEP 3: CONNECT THE IR CONTROLLER

The IR (Infrared) Controller enables the GUIDE Plus+ system to control your VCR and cable box (if necessary) so you can tune to television channels and even start recording a program from the GUIDE Plus+ system.

After you have affixed the ends of the controller to the necessary components (VCR, or Cable box), you will use the on-screen interactive setup routine for the GUIDE Plus+ system to test the connected components.

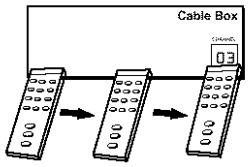


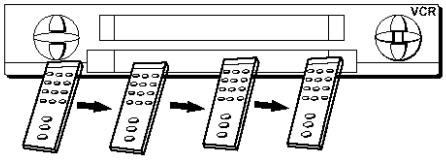
The IR Controller is used to send commands to your VCR and/or cable box.

ATTACHING THE IR CONTROLLER

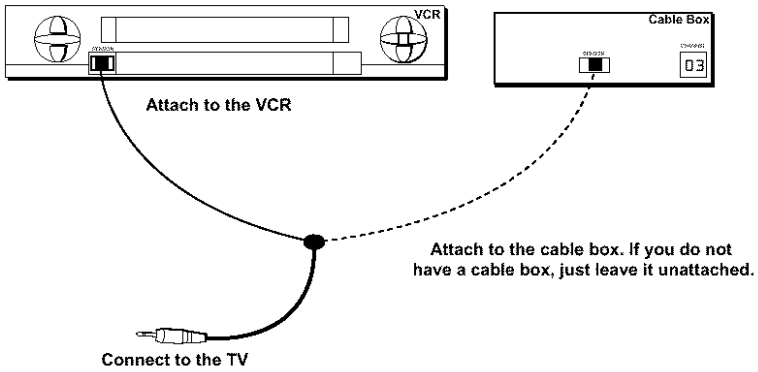
Some components label the infrared remote sensor, and others do not. If your component is labeled, affix the IR controller directly over the sensor. If the IR location is not labeled on your component, you need to use to use the component's remote control to locate the sensor.

1. Hold the component's remote control (not the remote that came with your TV) so that it is touching the front of the component.
2. Slowly move the remote over the front of the component while pressing the remote power button on and off. (Be sure to press and release the power button each time you move the remote. Holding the button may not work.)





3. When the component turns off or on, you've located the sensor.
4. Affix the controller's node directly to the remote sensor.


VCR
Cable Box
03
Attach to the VCR
Attach to the cable box. If you do not have a cable box, just leave it unattached.
Connect to the TV

Tip

You may want to use a piece of clear plastic tape to temporarily affix the controller's node until you have completed the interactive setup. That way you can easily move it if you have not placed it exactly over the sensor.

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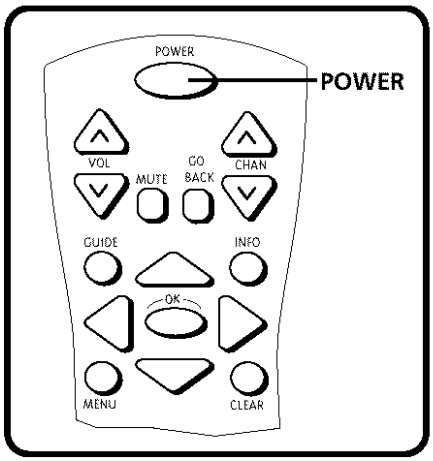
STEP 4: PLUG IN THE TV

Plug the end into the wall outlet, matching the wide blade of the plug with the wide slot in the outlet. Be sure to insert the plug completely.

STEP 5: PLACE BATTERIES IN REMOTE

- Remove the battery compartment cover from the back of the remote.
- Insert fresh batteries. Make sure that the polarities (+ and -) are aligned correctly.
- Replace the cover.



STEP 6: TURN ON THE TV

Press POWER on the remote, or press POWER on the TV itself.

ON-SCREEN PROGRAM GUIDE

The TV is designed to bring up the GUIDE Plus+ on-screen program guide when you use the POWER button on the remote to turn on the TV (after you have set up the GUIDE Plus+ system). For more information on setting up the GUIDE Plus+ system, see the next section, *Interactive Setup*.

To get out of the GUIDE Plus+ System:

- Press OK to exit the GUIDE Plus+ system and tune to the highlighted channel.
- Press GUIDE to exit the GUIDE Plus+ system and tune to the channel displayed in the View window.
- Press CLEAR to exit the GUIDE Plus+ system and go to the last channel you were watching.

STEP 7: PROGRAM THE TV

Proceed to the next section, *Interactive Setup*. The interactive setup routine walks you through the steps needed to fully configure the TV. The first steps ask you to select your preferred language for the menu system and to begin the auto channel search, which puts available cable TV or antenna signals into the TV's memory.

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INTERACTIVE SETUP

THERE'S AN ON-SCREEN SETUP ROUTINE

The interactive setup routine helps you through the steps needed to configure the TV and set up the GUIDE Plus+ menu system:

- Select a menu language
- Search for available channels
- Set up the GUIDE Plus+ system
- Set the time
- Make the channel list and labels

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3 USING THE REMOTE

4 USING THE MENU SYSTEM

5 FEATURES AND CONTROLS

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INTERACTIVE SETUP

USING POINT AND SELECT

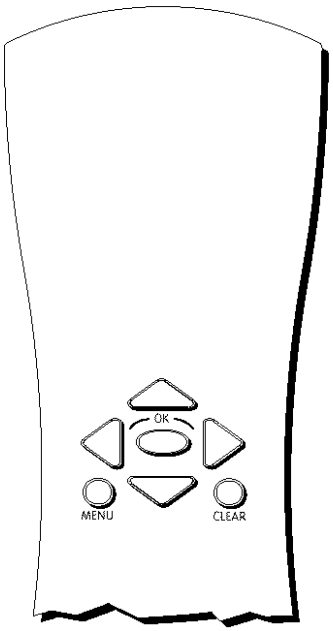
You only need to know one rule when using the remote to access on-screen menus and control panels: point and select. The point and select method has two steps.

1. **Point** to a menu item using the MOVE arrows on the remote.

   To point up or down, press the up or down arrows. To point left or right, press the left or right arrows.

2. **Select** a menu item by pressing MENU or OK.

   Selecting an item tells the TV's menu system to go ahead and make the change or go to a place you have indicated.

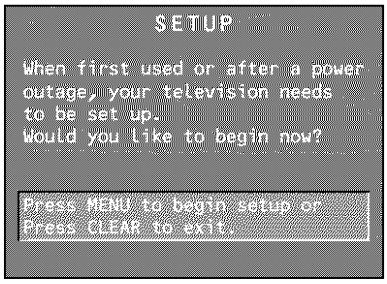


Point and Select buttons

ENTERING SETUP

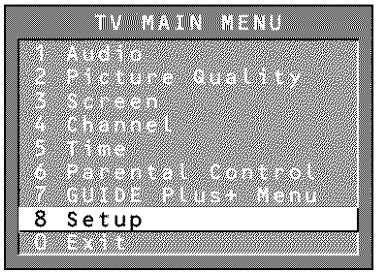
The first screen of the Interactive Setup appears automatically when you turn on your TV for the first time or after a power outage.

1. Press MENU to begin setup or CLEAR to exit.


SETUP
When first used or after a power outage, your television needs to be set up.
Would you like to begin now?
Press MENU to begin setup or
Press CLEAR to exit.

You can also access the Interactive Setup through the Main menu:

1. Press MENU to bring up the Main menu.



2. Point to *Setup* and press MENU or OK. The first Setup screen comes up, asking you to confirm that you want to begin.

You can also select a menu item by entering the item number with the number buttons on the remote.

Press CLEAR at any time to remove all displays from the screen and return to TV viewing.

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3. Point to *Begin setup now* and press MENU or OK.

SELECTING A LANGUAGE

The first part of the setup routine asks you to select your preferred language for the menu system.

1. Point to your preferred language for the menu system.
2. Press MENU or OK to select that language.

AUTO CHANNEL SEARCH

The next part of the setup routine asks you if you want the TV to search for all channels viewable through your antenna or cable TV system. This is sometimes called "auto programming."

1. Press MENU or OK to tell the TV to begin searching for channels. The display gives you a progress report and tells you when it has finished.
2. Press MENU or OK to continue.

If you skip Auto Channel Search now, you can access it later through the Channel menu. See *Using the Menus* for more details.

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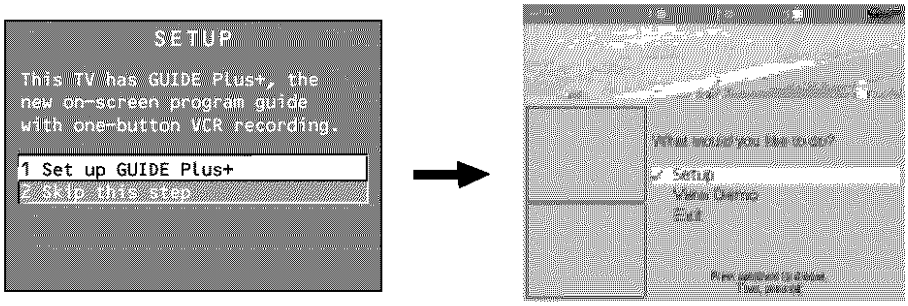
THE GUIDE Plus+ SYSTEM

You can set up the GUIDE Plus+ system during Interactive Setup or by selecting the *GUIDE Plus+ Menu* from the Main menu.

The next step lets you set up the GUIDE Plus+ system to display your local program listings, and control your cable box and VCR.

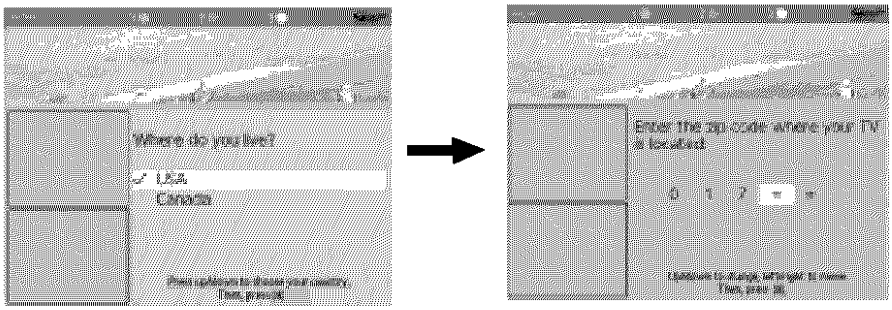
You can either press MENU or OK to bring up the GUIDE Plus+ initial menu or point to *Skip this Step* to move to the next step in the Interactive Setup.


SETUP
This TV has GUIDE Plus+, the new on-screen program guide with one-button VCR recording.
1 Set up GUIDE Plus+
2 Skip this step

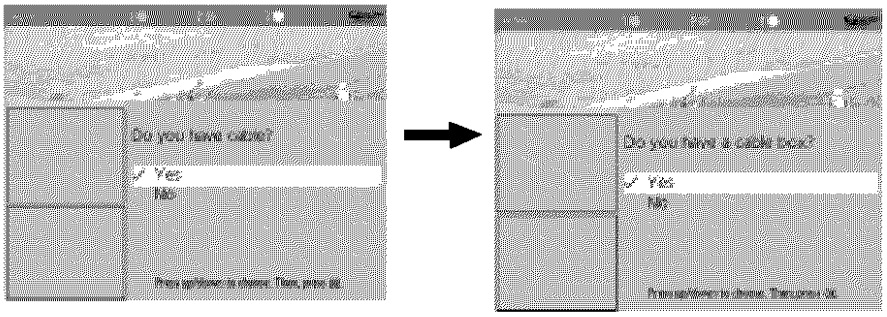
SETTING UP THE GUIDE Plus+ SYSTEM

To complete GUIDE Plus+ setup, the GUIDE Plus+ IR controllers must be connected to your cable box and VCR if you have them. Refer to the *Setup and Connections* section for additional information.

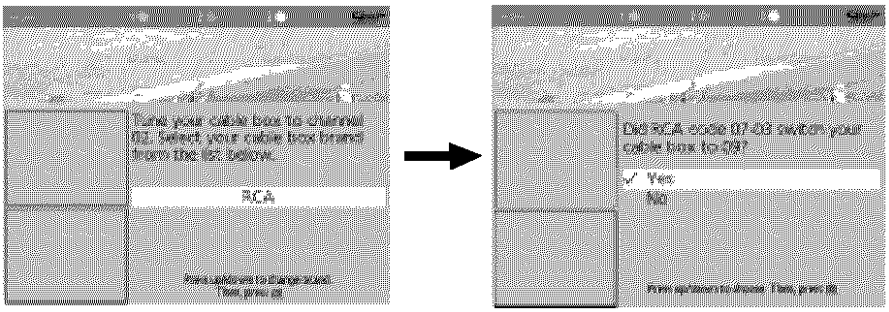
Select your Country and enter your ZIP or Postal code.



The next series of screens asks you about your cable TV setup. If you have a cable box, you need to set the GUIDE Plus+ system to control it. Otherwise, it may not be able to locate and download program information.



Tune your cable box to Channel 2 and then select the brand of your cable box from the choices available. The system then searches for the correct code to control your cable box. When your cable box switches to channel 9 it has located the correct code.


Tune your cable box to channel 02. Select your cable box brand from the list below.
RCA
Did RCA code 07-03 switch your cable box to 09?
Yes
No

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INTERACTIVE SETUP

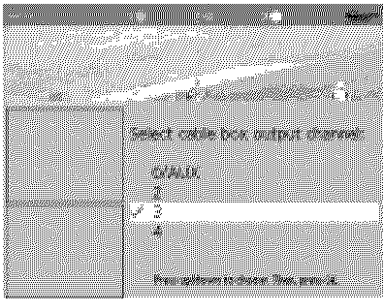
Select *YES* if the cable box changed to channel 9, or *NO* if it did not. If you select *NO*, the system will try another code.

If the GUIDE Plus+ system cannot recognize either your cable box or VCR after several tries, a screen stating "Cable Box (VCR) test failed...Please consult your manual and try again" appears. You have a choice to either Try Again or Skip Cable Box Setup. If you get this message, you should also:

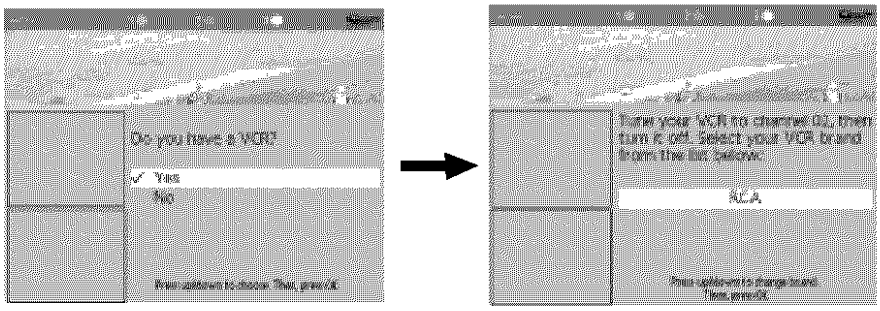
- Double check the brand of your cable box or VCR, and try entering it again.
- Check to make sure the IR controllers are positioned correctly.

If you choose to skip the cable box (or VCR) setup some features of the guide may not be available until you successfully complete this procedure.

Once the correct model of cable box (or VCR) has been identified, you need to set the cable box's output channel. Enter the channel you use to view channels through your cable box—usually 3 or 4. Consult your cable box's instruction book or your cable company if you are not sure.

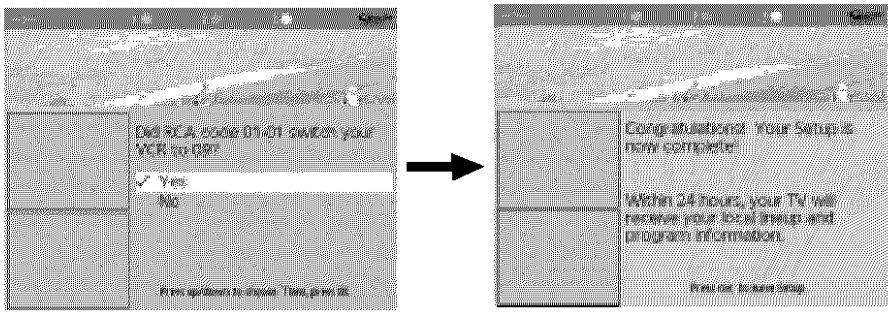


Select *YES* if you have a VCR, or *NO* if not. (Answering *NO* automatically skips forward to the end of GUIDE Plus+ setup.)
Tune your VCR to channel 2 and turn it off.
Enter the brand of your VCR.



When the GUIDE Plus+ system correctly identifies the correct code for your VCR, the VCR's tuner changes to channel 9.
Select *YES* if the VCR automatically changed to channel 9, or *NO* if it did not.
If you select *NO*, the system will try another code.

The last screen comes up when you've successfully finished the GUIDE Plus+ setup.


Did RCA code 01401 switch your VCR to CH?
Yes
No
Congratulations! Your Setup is now complete!
Within 24 hours, your TV will receive your local line-up and program information.

Remember:

- Leave your cable box turned ON to download program information.
- Leave your VCR turned OFF to record programs.

Press OK to leave the GUIDE Plus+ system setup and either return to the TV's Interactive Setup or the Main Menu. For more information about the GUIDE Plus+ system, see the section *Features and Controls*.

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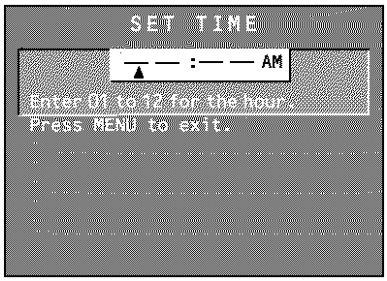
SETTING THE TIME

The next step in the Interactive Setup lets you set the time of day. If your GUIDE Plus+ system has not completed its first download, you need to set the time. Once the system has completed its first download, it sets the time for you automatically.

1. Press MENU or OK to bring up the Set Time control panel.



2. Use the left and right arrows to point to the hour and minutes spaces. Use the digits to enter the numbers and the up and down arrows to change from AM to PM.
3. Press MENU or OK to continue.

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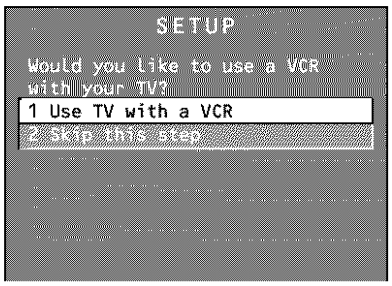
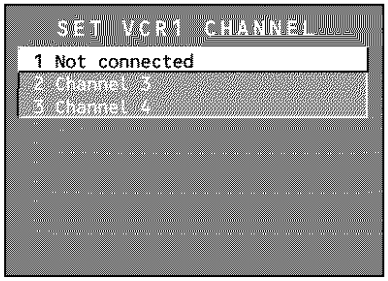
SETTING THE VCR1 CHANNEL (AUTO TUNING)

The next step lets you set the VCR1 channel. When you set the VCR1 channel, you're telling the TV what channel to tune to when you press the VCR1 button on a remote. This is called auto tuning.

Indicate which input you used to connect the VCR. If you don't have a VCR1 component connected to the TV, skip this step or select *Not Connected* from the VCR1 Channel choice list. (For more, see Auto Tuning in *Using the Menus* section.)



1. Press MENU or OK to bring up the VCR1 choice list.



2. Point to the choice that matches the way you have your VCR connected to the TV.
3. Press MENU or OK to continue.

SETTING THE VCR2 CHANNEL (AUTO TUNING)

The next step lets you set the VCR2 channel. When you set the VCR2 channel, you're telling the TV what channel to tune to when you press the VCR2 button on a remote.

Indicate which input you used to connect a second VCR. If you don't have a second VCR component connected to the TV, skip this step or select *Not Connected* from the VCR2 Channel choice list. (For more, see Auto Tuning in *Using the Menus* section.)

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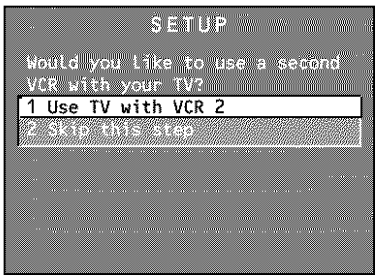
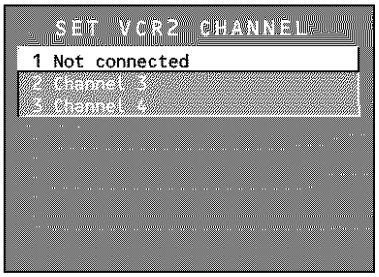


1. Press MENU or OK to bring up the VCR2 choice list.



2. Point to the choice that matches the way you have your second VCR connected to the TV.
3. Press MENU or OK to continue.

SETTING THE DVD CHANNEL (AUTO TUNING)

The next step lets you set the DVD channel. When you set the DVD channel, you're telling the TV what channel to tune to when you press the DVD button on a remote.

Indicate which input you used to connect a DVD player. If you don't have a DVD player connected to the TV, skip this step or select *Not Connected* from the DVD Channel choice list. (For more, see Auto Tuning in *Using the Menus* section.)

1. Press MENU or OK to bring up the DVD choice list.

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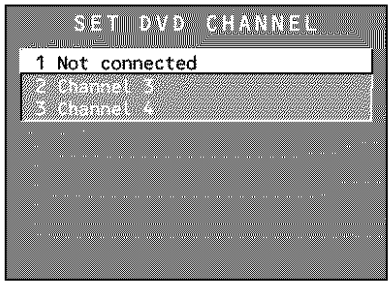
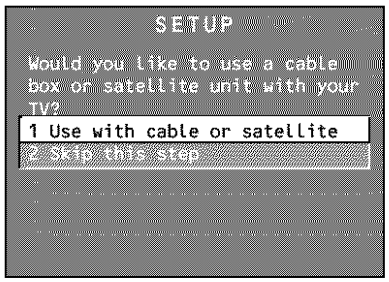


2. Point to the choice that matches the way you have your DVD player connected to the TV.
3. Press MENU or OK to continue.

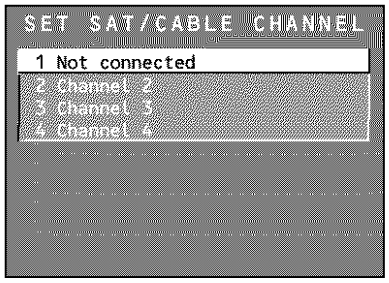
SETTING THE SAT/CABLE CHANNEL (AUTO TUNING)

The next step lets you set the SAT/CABLE channel. When you set the SAT/CABLE channel, you're telling the TV what channel to tune to when you press the SAT•CABLE button on a remote.

Indicate which input you used to connect a satellite receiver or a cable box. If you don't have a satellite receiver or cable box connected to the TV, skip this step or select *Not Connected* from the SAT/CABLE Channel choice list. (For more, see Auto Tuning in *Using the Menus* section.)



1. Press MENU or OK to bring up the SAT/CABLE choice list.



2. Point to the choice that matches the way you have your satellite receiver or cable box connected to the TV.
3. Press MENU or OK to continue.

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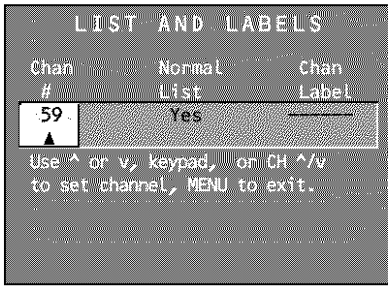
LABELING THE CHANNELS

This last step in the Interactive Setup lets you edit your channel list and label your channels. (For more, see List and Labels in *Using the Menus* section.)

1. Press MENU or OK to bring up the List and Labels control panel.



2. Use the left and right arrows to point to the three different areas of the control panel (called "fields").
3. Use the up and down arrows to scroll through the numbers and letters and select *Yes* or *No* in the Normal List field. You may wish to refer to the call letters listed in your newspaper's TV section for ideas on labeling the channels.
4. Repeat this process for each of your channels. Then press MENU or OK to continue. The TV can store up to 27 labels in memory.

Use the CH ^ (channel up) or CH v (channel down) buttons to change channels in the Chan # field. This works even if you're not in the Chan # field. Or, enter the channel number directly using the number buttons on the universal remote. To enter a number greater than 99, press and hold "1" to enter the hundreds digit, then press the two remaining numbers.

The list and labels feature can also be accessed from the Channel menu. Because this procedure can be time consuming, feel free to skip this step and come back to it later.

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USING THE REMOTE

HOW TO USE YOUR REMOTE

This section defines the buttons of the remote.

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3 USING THE REMOTE

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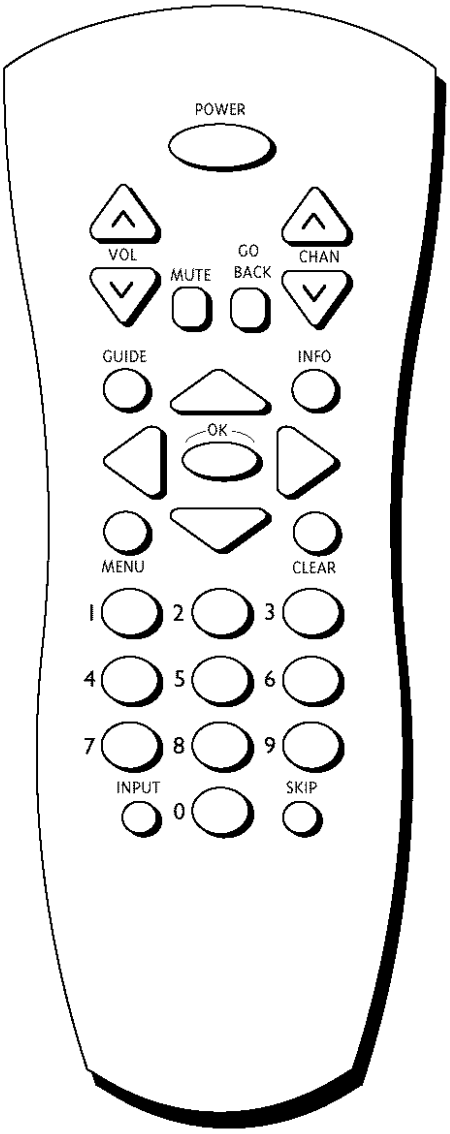
REMOTE BUTTONS



POWER Turns TV on and off.

VOL ^ or VOL v Decreases or increases the TV's volume.

MUTE Reduces the TV's volume to its minimum level. Press again to restore the volume.

GO BACK Returns you to the previous channel.

CH ^ or CH v Scans up or down through the current channel list. Press once to change the channel up or down; press and hold to continue changing channels.

GUIDE Brings up and exits the GUIDE Plus+ system.

INFO Brings up channel information.

MOVE (Arrows) Used to point to different items in the menu system. Also used to adjust the menu controls.

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OK When in the menu system, selects highlighted items or returns you to the previous menu.

MENU Brings up the Main menu and selects highlighted items.

CLEAR Removes any menu or display from the screen and returns you to TV viewing. Also exits the GUIDE Plus+ menu system.

(0-9) Number Buttons Enters channel numbers and time settings directly though the remote control. To enter a two-digit channel, press the two digits. To enter a three-digit channel, press and hold the first digit, release, then add the second two. Example: to tune to channel 123, press and hold 1, release, press 2, then press 3.

INPUT Press to toggle through the available input sources (CH3, CH4, and the current channel).

SKIP Press once before changing channels and the TV will wait 30 seconds before returning you to the original channel. Press repeatedly to add more time.

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FRONT PANEL

If you cannot locate your remote you can use the front panel of your TV to operate many of the TV's features.

MENU Brings up the Main menu. When in the menu system, it selects highlighted items. Also returns you to the previous menu.

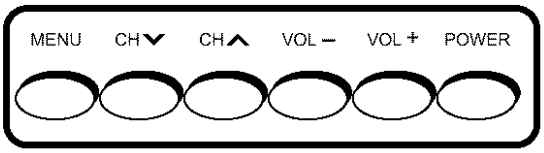
CH v Scans down through the current channel list. In the menu system, it points down to items and adjusts menu controls.

CH ^ Scans up through the channel list. In the menu system, it points up to items and adjusts menu controls.

VOL – Decreases the volume. When in the menu system, VOL – is used to point left to items and adjust menu controls.

VOL + Increases the volume. When in the menu system, VOL + is used to point right to items and adjust menu controls.

POWER Turns the TV on and off.



The front panel above shows a typical button layout. The exact look of the buttons may be different from those on the front of your TV.

The Front Panel Block feature disables all front panel buttons if Parental Controls are locked. For more information, see Parental Control, in the *Features and Menus* section.

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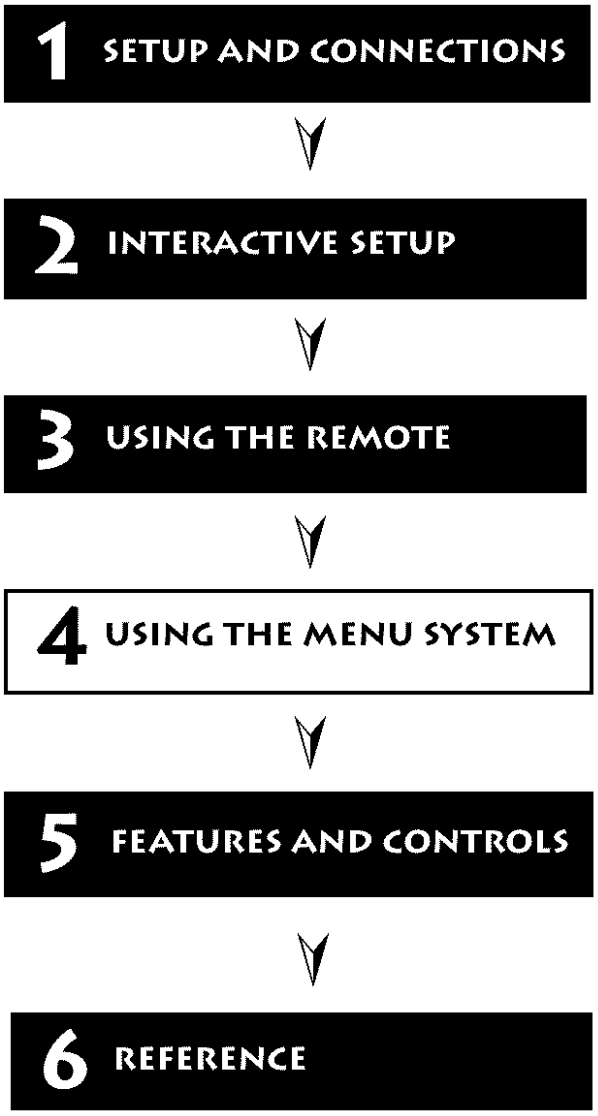
USING THE MENU SYSTEM

THE MENU SYSTEM

This section explores the menus of your TV—beginning with some information on using menus and control panels.

Each menu is then outlined and special features are detailed to help you get the most from your TV.



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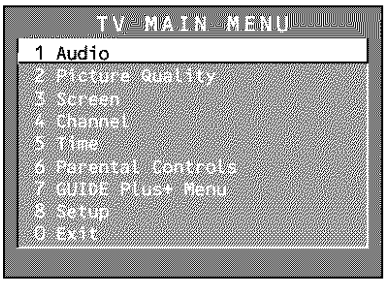
MENUS AND CONTROL PANELS

Using the buttons on both the remote and front panel enable you to access and make changes to the menus, control panels, and choice lists.

Menus and choice lists use the point and select rule to navigate, but control panels use a variety of methods to adjust features on your TV. The following pages detail how to use these controls to customize the functions of your TV.

MENUS

The first menu is called the Main menu. Press MENU on the remote or on the front panel to bring up the Main menu:



Menus take you to another menu or a control panel. There are two ways to select a choice in a menu:

- Point with the arrows and then select with MENU or OK.
- Press a number button on the remote. For example, in the Main menu press 3 to go straight to the Screen menu.

Exiting a Menu

There are three ways to exit a menu:

- Point to *Exit* and press MENU or OK.
- Press 0 on the remote.
- Press CLEAR. The on-screen displays are cleared from the screen and you return to TV viewing.

Feel free to explore the menu system. If you're ever unsure where you are in the menu system, or you're just plain tired of exploring, press CLEAR to remove the menus from the screen and start over again.

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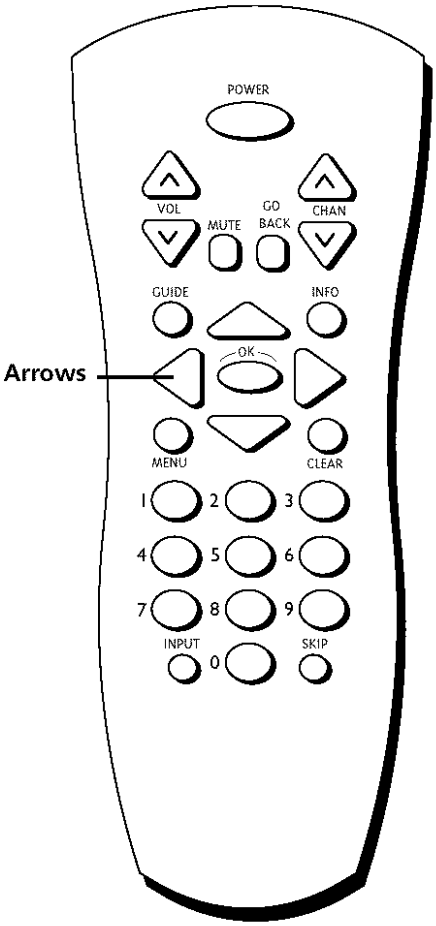
CONTROL PANELS

Control panels allow you to adjust the default settings on many features of your TV. You can choose a setting, enter a number, or adjust a level such as tint or brightness. There are three types of control panels: sliders, choice lists, and numeric entry.

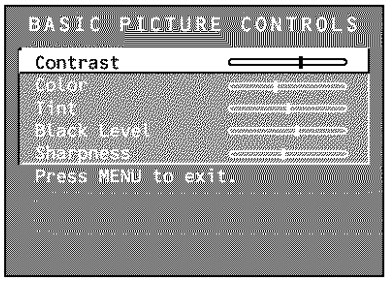


Sliders

Sliders are used to make adjustments to a particular control.

To use a Slider in a menu:

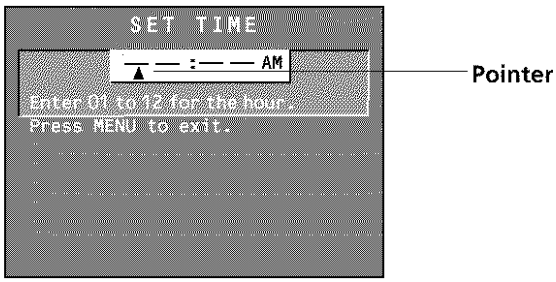
1. Press the up or down arrow to select the slider control for the feature you want to adjust.
2. Press the right or left arrow to adjust the indicator line on the slider.



Numeric Entry

A numeric entry control panel is used to enter numbers or letters.

A pointer appears underneath the column you are changing.



1. Use the digits to enter a number in the column above the pointer.
2. Press the right arrow to move to the next column, then use the digits to enter a number.
3. When you have finished entering information, press MENU or OK.

If the control panel is not set to the current time, use the arrows to go back over the columns and the digits to make changes.

You can also enter numbers by using the up and down arrows on the remote.

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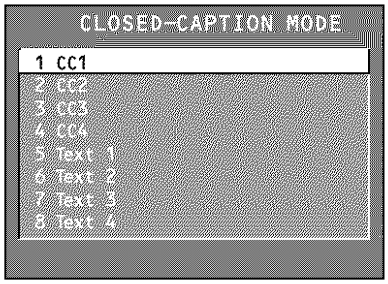
CHOICE LISTS

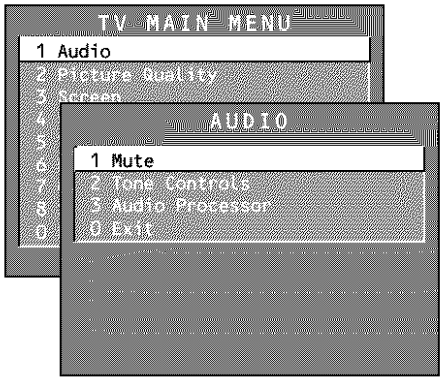
Choice lists are used to choose a particular setting from a list. When the choice list appears, the highlighted item is the one that is currently selected, or "in use."



Point to *a choice on a menu and* press MENU or OK to select that choice. You will then return to the previous screen.

Now that you know how to access the menus and adjust the control panels the following pages provide a brief explanation of all the menu features. The features are organized in order of their location on the Main Menu.

AUDIO MENU



Mute Press OK to reduce the TV's volume to its minimum level. Press OK again to restore the volume.

Tone Controls Displays the slider controls for adjusting the TV's treble, bass and balance.

Audio Processor Displays a choice list of available audio modes, which control the way the sound comes through your speakers.

Mono Plays the sound in mono only. Use this setting when receiving broadcasts with weak stereo signals.

Stereo Splits the incoming stereo audio signal into left and right channels. Most TV programs and recorded materials have stereo audio. The TV displays the word STEREO when you tune to a program that is broadcast in stereo.

Expanded Stereo Electronically "widens" sound from stereo broadcasts, stereo VCRs, digital satellite systems, DVD players, and LaserDisc players for a fuller, more spacious sound.

Sound Logic Stereo Reduces the annoying blasts in volume during commercial breaks, and also amplifies softer sounds in program material. Eliminates the need to constantly adjust volume control.

Second Audio Program (SAP) Plays the program's audio in a second language, if one is available. The TV displays the word SAP when you tune to a program that is broadcast with SAP information. SAP audio is broadcast in mono. SAP is also used to broadcast a program's audio with descriptions of the video for the visually impaired.

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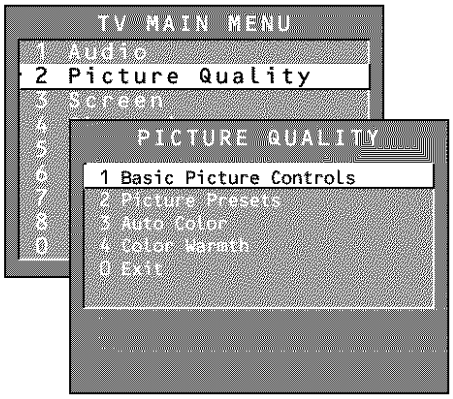
PICTURE QUALITY MENU



Basic Picture Controls Displays the five slider controls for adjusting the way the picture looks.

Contrast Adjusts the difference between the light and dark areas of the picture.

Color Adjusts the richness of the color.

Tint Adjusts the balance between the red and green levels.

Black Level Adjusts the brightness of the picture.

Sharpness Adjusts the crispness of edges in the picture.

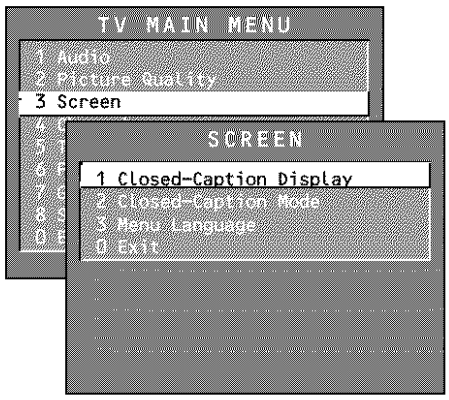
When exiting this menu, the *Save Personal Picture Preset* choice list will appear. You can choose either Yes or No. If you save the settings as a Personal Picture Preset, the TV will store the settings so you can reselect them easily if someone changes the settings.

Picture Presets Displays a choice list that lets you select one of three preset picture settings: *Bright Lighting*, *Normal Lighting*, *Soft Lighting or Personal Picture Preset*. Choose the setting that is best for your viewing environment.

Auto Color Displays a choice list that lets you turn on the feature that automatically corrects the color of the picture. (This is especially useful for tracking realistic flesh tone colors as you switch from channel to channel.) Choose *On* or *Off*, depending on your preference.

Color Warmth Displays a choice list that lets you set one of three automatic color adjustments: *Cool* for a more blue palette of picture colors; *Normal*; and *Warm* for a more red palette of picture colors. The warm setting corresponds to the NTSC standard of 6500°K.

SCREEN MENU



Closed-Caption Display Displays a choice list that lets you choose the way closed captioning information is shown on the screen.

Off No captioning information is displayed.

On Captioning information is shown always, when available.

On When Sound is Muted Captioning information is shown, when available, whenever the TV's sound is muted. (To mute the sound, press the MUTE button.) The captioning information is not displayed when the sound is not muted.

Closed-Caption Mode Displays a choice list that lets you choose which captioning mode is used for displaying captioning information.

Menu Language Displays a choice list that lets you select your preferred language for the menus: *English*, *Spanish* or *French*.

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USING CLOSED CAPTIONING

Many programs are encoded with closed captioning information, which lets you display the audio portion of a program as text on the TV screen.

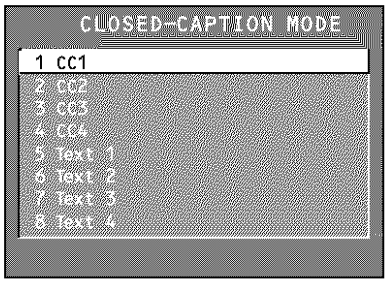
Closed captioning is not available on all channels at all times. Only specific programs encoded with closed captioning information are applicable. When a program is closed captioned, the letters CC are displayed in the channel marker. See the section *Features and Controls* for more information about the channel marker.

Closed Captioning Modes

The TV offers eight closed-captioned modes, including four text modes.

To set the Closed-Captioning Mode:

1. Select *Screen* from the Main menu.
2. Point to *Closed-Caption Mode* and press OK. A choice list displays:



3. Point to your choice and press OK to select it and return to the Screen menu.

Turning off Closed Captioning

1. Select *Screen* from the Main menu.
2. Press OK to select *Closed-Caption Display.*
3. Point to *Off Always* and press OK. The closed captioning is turned off and you are returned to the Screen menu.

If you are unsure of the differences among the modes, you may prefer to leave the closed captioned mode set to CC1, which displays complete text of the program in the primary language in your area.

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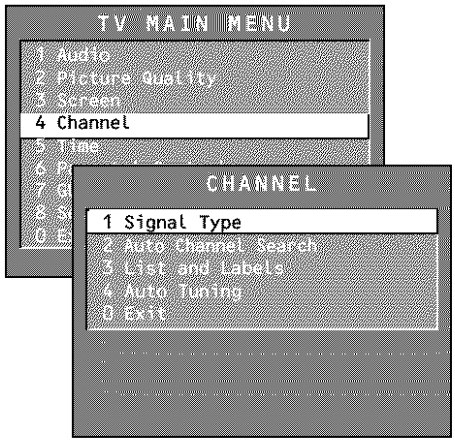
CHANNEL MENU



Signal Type Displays a choice list that lets you select the current antenna type. This option does not appear when the GUIDE Plus+ system is set up.

UHF/VHF Antenna Choose this if you are currently using an off-air antenna for TV signals.

Cable TV Choose this if you are currently using cable or a cable box for TV signals.

Auto Channel Search Tells the TV to search automatically for all the channels available through the antenna input. When the TV finds an active channel, it places it in the Normal channel list; inactive channels (weak stations or channels with no signal at all) will be removed from the channel list. If you are using a cable box and have set up the GUIDE Plus+ system then this option does not appear.

List and Labels Displays a control panel that lets you edit your Normal channel list and choose a six-character label for each channel. Follow the on-screen directions to enter your channels and other information.

Chan # Use the up and down arrows to scroll up and down through the channels available via your antenna. You can enter the channel number directly using the number buttons.

Normal List Only the channels included in the Normal list are available when you scan up and down using the CH^/v buttons. Use the up and down arrows to indicate whether the channel number indicated is included (*Yes*) or is not included (*No*) in the Normal channel list.

Chan Label Use the up and down arrows to enter a six-character label for each channel. Hold the button down to scroll quickly through the characters. The TV can store up to 27 labels in memory.

Auto Tuning Displays a choice list that lets you set up the TV to automatically tune to the correct input channel when you press a component button (VCR1, DVD, VCR2, AUX or SAT•CABLE) on a universal remote.

Set VCR 1 Channel Displays a choice list that lets you select the channel that the TV tunes to when you press the VCR1 button.

Set VCR 2 Channel Displays a choice list that lets you select the channel that the TV tunes to when you press the VCR2 button.

Set DVD Channel Displays a choice list that lets you select the channel that the TV tunes to when you press the DVD button.

Set SAT/CABLE Channel Displays a choice list that lets you select the channel that the TV tunes to when you press the SAT•CABLE button.

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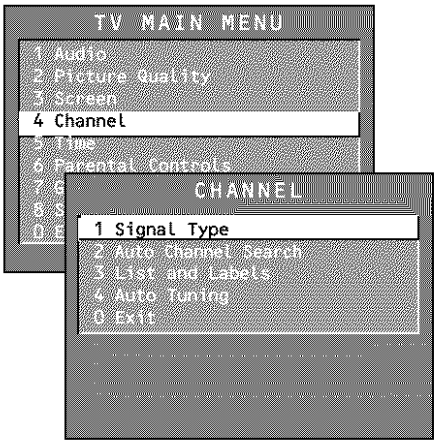
The choices for each screen are:

Not connected Choose this if you do not have a component connected to an antenna or video input on the back of the TV, or if you don't want the TV to tune to a channel when the particular component button is pressed.

Channel 2 (SAT/Cable only) Choose this if your component is connected to the antenna jack on the back of the TV, and you want the TV to tune to channel 2 when you press the specified component button. Reminder: Make sure the component's Ch 2/3/4 switch is set to channel 2.

Channel 3 Choose this if your component is connected to the antenna jack on the back of the TV, and you want the TV to tune to channel 3 when you press the specified component button. Reminder: Make sure the component's Ch 3/4 switch is set to channel 3.

Channel 4 Choose this if your component is connected to the antenna jack on the back of the TV, and you want the TV to tune to channel 4 when you press the specified component button. Reminder: Make sure the component's Ch 3/4 switch is set to channel 4.

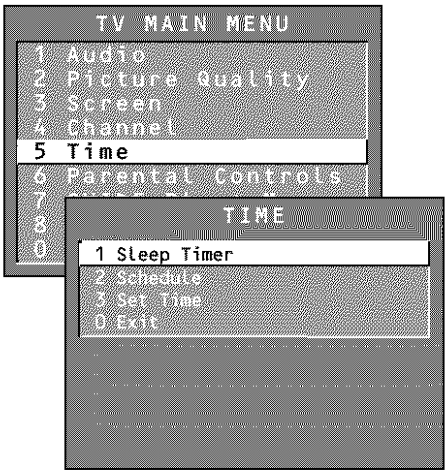


TIME MENU

Sleep Timer Displays a control panel that lets you select the amount of time you want to give the TV before it shuts itself off.

Schedule Displays a control panel that lets you set up a schedule for turning the TV on and off automatically. **Make sure to turn the schedule On.** The on-screen directions guide you through the steps needed to set the schedule.

Set Time Displays a control panel that lets you enter the current time. The on-screen directions guide you through the steps needed to set the time. If your GUIDE Plus+ system is set up, then it will automatically update your time and this option will not appear.



OTHER MENUS

The rest of the menus—Parental Controls, GUIDE Plus+ menu, and Setup—are also detailed in this manual. Look for the GUIDE Plus+ setup routine and the Setup menu in the section *Interactive Setup*. Descriptions of how to use Parental Controls and the GUIDE Plus+ menu are in the section *Features and Controls*.

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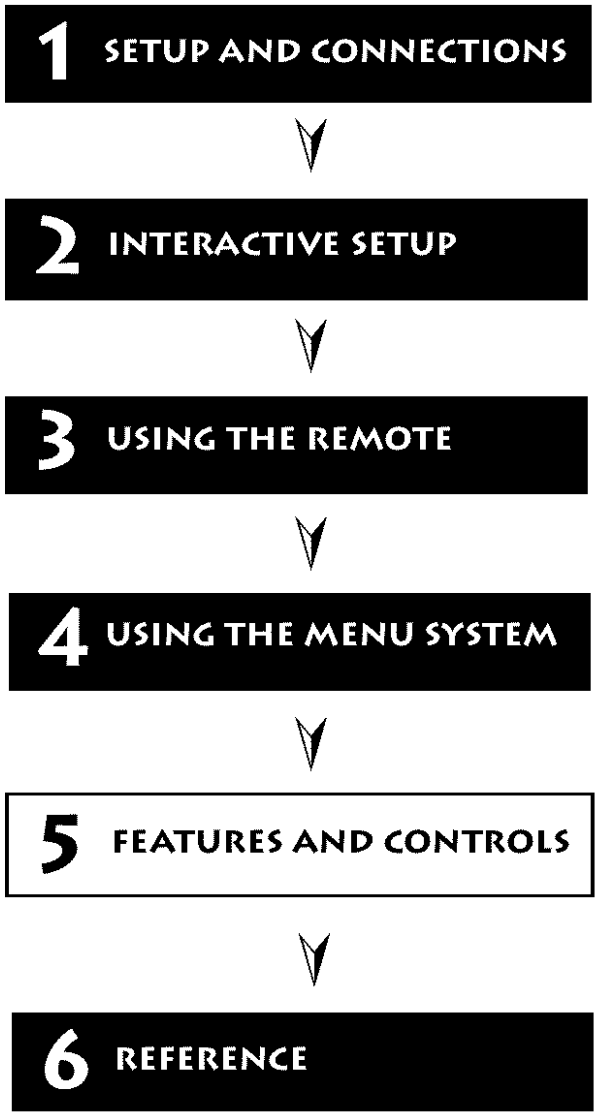
FEATURES AND CONTROLS

HOW TO USE THE FEATURES AND CONTROLS

This section introduces you to the features and controls with which your TV is equipped. In this section, you will learn how to use:

- The GUIDE Plus+ Menu system
- Parental controls, including V-Chip rating limits



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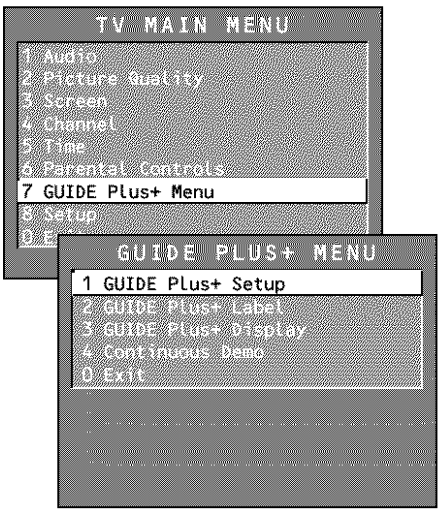
GUIDE Plus+ MENU



You can access the GUIDE Plus+ menu directly by pressing GUIDE on the remote, or by pressing MENU on the remote and then selecting *GUIDE Plus+ Menu*. If you press MENU on the remote, you can access several other features the GUIDE Plus+ system offers:

GUIDE Plus+ Setup Displays the GUIDE Plus+ setup screen.

Setup Setting up the GUIDE Plus+ system is detailed in the *Interactive Setup* section of the book.

View Demo Runs the GUIDE Plus+ system demonstration.

GUIDE Plus+ Label Displays the GUIDE Plus+ label menu.

On Displays the station name when you change channels.

Off Disables the Label feature.

GUIDE Plus+ Auto Display Displays the GUIDE Plus+ display options.

On Automatically displays the GUIDE Plus+ system when you use the POWER button on the remote to turn on the TV.

Off Disables the GUIDE Plus+ system from being displayed when you use the TV button the remote to turn on the TV.

Continuous Demo Runs the GUIDE Plus+ demonstration until it is turned off. To end the Continuous Demo, press MENU.

The following sections tell you more about the GUIDE Plus+ system, how to use it, and how it works.

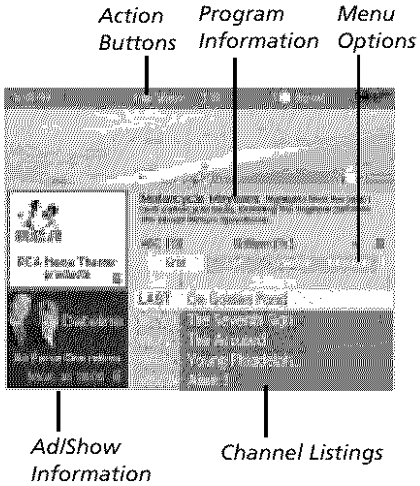
ABOUT THE GUIDE Plus+ SYSTEM

The GUIDE Plus+ system is an interactive on-screen program guide that lists TV schedules for your area and allows your TV direct control of a cable box and VCR. You must first set up the GUIDE Plus+ Menu system in order to view it (see the *Interactive Setup* section for more details).

To bring up the GUIDE Plus+ screen, press GUIDE.

There are five sections to a GUIDE Plus+ screen:

- A row of Action buttons at the top of the screen numbered 1, 2 and 3
- Program information
- A row of Menu options
- Channel listings
- Advertising and special show information



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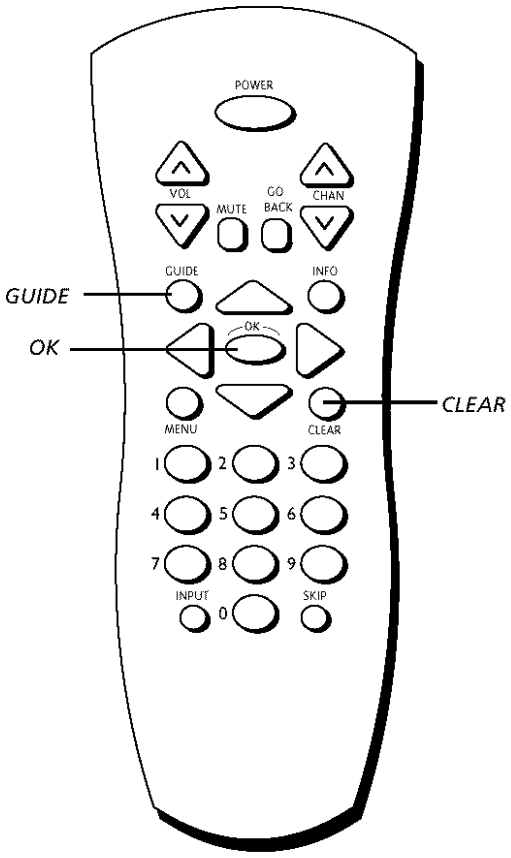
GETTING IN & OUT OF THE GUIDE Plus+ SYSTEM

To enter the GUIDE Plus+ system:

- Press GUIDE on the remote.

There are three ways to exit the GUIDE Plus+ system:

- Press OK to exit the GUIDE Plus+ system and tune to the channel highlighted in the Channel listing.
- Press GUIDE to exit the GUIDE Plus+ system and tune to the channel displayed in the View window.
- Press CLEAR to exit the GUIDE Plus+ system and return to the original channel.



DOWNLOADING DATA

The GUIDE Plus+ system is not available until it completes its first download of program information. When the power is turned off, the TV locates a "host channel" that carries GUIDE Plus+ data containing program schedule and channel mapping information. A channel map is the list of stations and their respective channels.

To ensure that your first download of data is complete, you should leave your TV off overnight. Downloads occur several times a day. *The TV must be turned off for GUIDE Plus+ data to download.*

If the TV loses power or is unplugged, GUIDE Plus+ program information may be lost. When power is restored, make sure the setup information is still correct. The GUIDE Plus+ program will complete a download at the next available time

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Channel Mapping

If more than one cable company services your area, you may be prompted with a Channel Mapping screen after the first GUIDE Plus+ download. You will need to identify your cable company by selecting the correct channel numbers for the stations in question.

- Use the left and right arrows to change the channel group and press OK when the correct channel group is highlighted.

THE DIFFERENT GUIDE Plus+ SYSTEM MENUS

The GUIDE Plus+ system offers six different options on the Menu bar: GRID, SORT, SCHEDULE, MESSAGES, EDITOR and SETUP. To access the Menu bar:

1. Press GUIDE to bring up the GUIDE Plus+ screen.
2. Press MENU or use the up and down arrows to highlight the Menu bar. The Grid Guide comes up by default.
3. Use the left and right arrows to access other menus.
4. Press OK, MENU, or use the down arrow to access the menu options.

Since the program information provided by the GUIDE Plus+ system is based on your locale, you will need to run Setup again if you move.

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GRID GUIDE

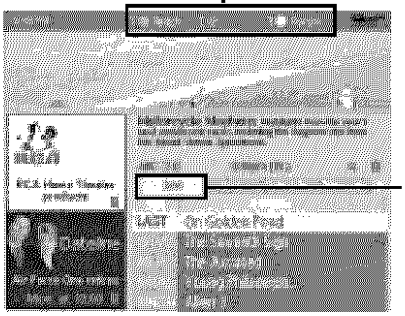
The Grid Guide appears each time you enter the GUIDE Plus+ menu system. It displays the current programming for each channel. The live program is displayed in the video window.

- Use the up and down arrows to browse channel listings and Ch^/v to page through. Use the right and left arrows to browse future program listings.
- To tune to a channel, highlight the program you want to view in the channel listing and press OK. Press CLEAR to exit the GUIDE Plus+ system and return to the original channel. Press GUIDE to exit the GUIDE Plus+ system and tune to the channel in the view window.

GUIDE Plus+ screens illustrated in this book are representations of what you are likely to see. Not all channels, programs, and GUIDE Plus+ information depicted will be available in your area.

New features and options can be downloaded to the GUIDE Plus+ system, so these too are subject to change.

Grid Guide
Action Buttons



Grid Guide
Menu
Selection

Grid Guide Action Buttons

Action buttons will change according to where you are in the GUIDE Plus+ system. Be sure to look at the action bar before pressing the command numbers.

When highlighting the Channel listings, the following Action buttons are available on the bar:

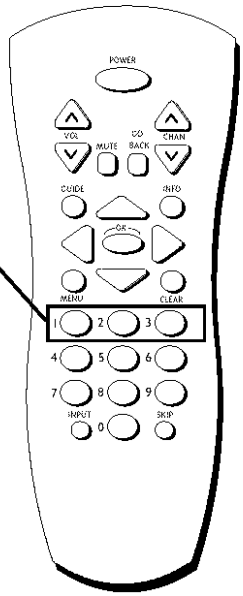
- **Watch** Press 1 on the remote to place a timer in the Schedule for the TV to turn on and tune to the program highlighted in the Channel listing. When the TV turns on, the GUIDE Plus+ system will automatically appear with the scheduled program highlighted and tuned in the View window.
- **Record** Press 3 on the remote to place a timer in the Schedule for the VCR to record the program highlighted in the Channel listing. If you have a cable box, changing channels on the TV will not cause the cable box channel to change while recording.

The Program information window will display a confirmation when you have successfully created a timer to watch or record. If you have selected two programs to watch or record which begin at the same time or overlap, you will receive a timer conflict message. The GUIDE Plus+ system will not schedule a conflicting timer, therefore you must choose between the two programs.

When highlighting the Channel names (the left column on the Channel listing), the following Action button is available on the bar:

- **Lock/Unlock** Press 1 to lock or unlock the video window to either stay at one channel as you browse the GUIDE Plus+ system (lock) or change as you browse through different channels (unlock).

Action Button
command
numbers



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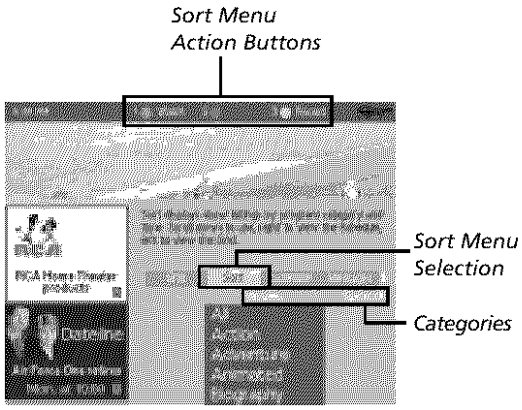
SORT

The Sort Menu lets you browse programs by category. The channel to which you are currently tuned is displayed in the video window. To sort:

1. Press MENU on the remote to highlight the Menu bar.
2. Use the arrows to highlight Sort. When Sort is highlighted for the first time, the *Movies* category is displayed. Thereafter, the last category used becomes the default. A listing of subcategories is displayed below the category name.
3. Use the up and down arrows to highlight a subcategory. For example, highlight *All* and press OK.
4. When the listing comes up, *All Movies* are displayed. Use the up and down arrows to browse the list one at a time. Use CH^ and CHv to browse through the list one page at a time. You can also view the next seven days' programming by pressing the right arrow.
5. Select MENU to return to the menu bar, or press GUIDE or CLEAR to exit the GUIDE Plus+ system.



Sort Menu Action Buttons

When viewing the results of a Sort, the following Action buttons will appear on the bar:

- **Watch** Press 1 on the remote to place a timer in the Schedule, and then follow the online help for further options. Placing a timer in the Schedule will cause the TV to turn on and tune to the program highlighted in the Channel listing at the predetermined time. When the TV turns on, the GUIDE Plus+ system will automatically appear with the scheduled program highlighted and tuned in the View window.
- **Record** Press 3 on the remote to place a timer in the Schedule for the VCR to record the program highlighted in the Channel listing. If you have a cable box, changing channels on the TV will not cause the cable box channel to change while recording.

The program information window will display a confirmation when you have successfully created a timer to watch or record. If you have selected two programs to watch or record which begin at the same time or overlap, you will receive a timer conflict message. The GUIDE Plus+ system will not schedule a conflicting timer; you must choose between the two programs.

Be sure that during the GUIDE Plus+ setup you specified that you have a VCR. If you do not, the RECORD option will not be available.

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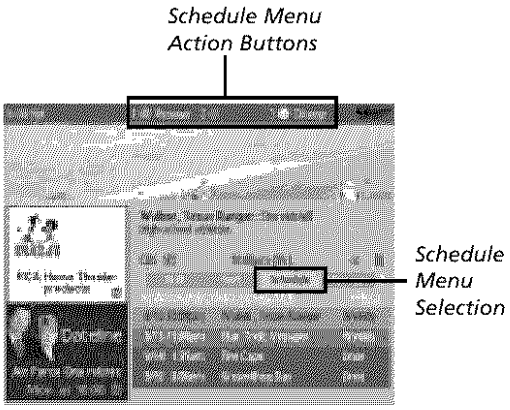
SCHEDULE



The Schedule menu lets you create timers for either viewing or recording programs. The GUIDE Plus+ system allows one-button recording if you have connected the IR controller to your VCR. See the *Setup and Connections* section of this manual for more details on connecting the IR controller.

To schedule a program to watch or record:

1. Press GUIDE to bring up the GUIDE Plus+ system.
2. Highlight a program within the Channel listing.
3. Select Watch or Record from the Action buttons bar. The timer is then automatically logged into the Schedule menu.
4. If you select Record, make sure to place a blank tape in the VCR.

The program information window will display a confirmation when you have successfully created a timer to watch or record. If you have selected two programs to watch or record which begin at the same time or overlap, you will receive a timer conflict message. The GUIDE Plus+ system will not schedule a conflicting timer, therefore you must choose between the two programs.

To remove or change the frequency (daily, once, or weekly) of a scheduled event, access the Schedule Menu from the Menu bar.

1. Press GUIDE to bring up the GUIDE Plus+ system.
2. Press MENU to highlight the Menu bar.
3. Use the arrows to highlight the *Schedule* menu selection.
4. Use the up and down arrows to highlight the program you want to edit. Then use the Schedule Menu Action Buttons as described in the next section.

Schedule Menu Action Buttons

When viewing the Schedule menu the following Action buttons will appear on the bar:

- **Remove** Highlight the Watch or Record timer you wish to remove from the schedule and press 1 on the remote.
- **Change** Highlight the Watch or Record timer you wish to change and press 3 on the remote to toggle the frequency between the following choices:

  DAILY records the same program each day Monday through Friday.

  ONCE records only on that day.

  WEEKLY records the program each week at the same time.

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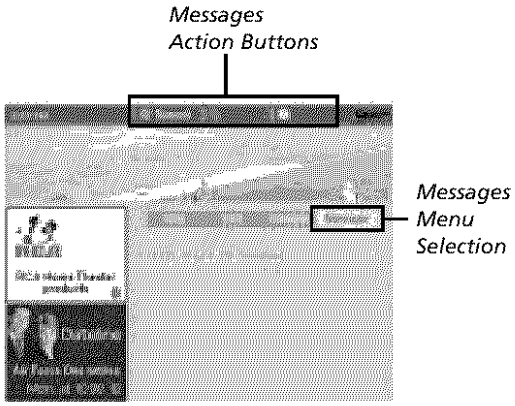
MESSAGES

Occasionally you will receive messages regarding your GUIDE Plus+ system, as well as special programming information. You can access these messages from the Message Menu on the Menu bar.

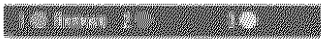
To read messages:

1. Press MENU on the remote to select the Menu bar.
2. Use the arrows to highlight the Messages menu selection.
3. Highlight the message you wish to read by using the up and down arrows.
4. Press INFO to display the full text of the message. If the text continues beyond the screen, press INFO to view the next page of text. Once you have reached the end of the message, pressing INFO closes the expanded information and returns you to the Messages screen.
5. Then use the Messages Menu Action Button as described in the next section.



Messages Menu Action Button

When viewing the Messages menu the following Action button will appear on the bar:



- **Remove** Highlight the message you wish to delete and press 1 on the remote.

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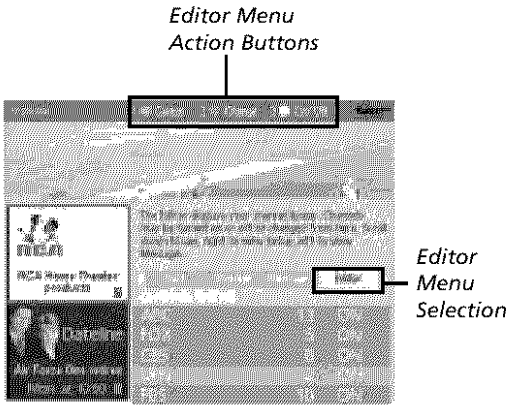
EDITOR



You may customize the channel listing by enabling or disabling the display of certain channels. For instance, you may disable channels that you never watch. You can restore disabled channels at a later point in time.

1. Press GUIDE to bring up the GUIDE Plus+ system.
2. Press MENU to highlight the Menu bar.
3. Use the right and left arrows to highlight the *Editor* menu selection.
4. Use the up and down arrows to select a channel.

Then use the Editor Menu Action Buttons as described in the next section.

Editor Menu Action Buttons

While browsing the Editor menu, the following Action buttons are available on the bar:

- **Cancel** Press 1 on the remote to cancel any changes made since entering the Editor Menu.
- **Change** Press 2 on the remote to change the channel number for the highlighted channel line.
- **On/Off** Press 3 on the remote to toggle the state of the channel between On and Off.

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EXPANDED INFORMATION

To view more information about a program, advertisement or special, highlight the channel listing or ad/show information box and press the INFO button. Requesting more information about a particular show will also display the PlusCode programming number and the Shows on Next for that channel.

Pressing INFO while highlighting an ad panel will fill the screen with any additional and/or promotional information regarding that particular program.

Pressing the INFO button again exits the expanded information screen.

Ad/Show Information

TROUBLESHOOTING

Troubles sometimes are caused by simple "faults" that you can correct without a service technician. Here are a few basic remedies:

Program information does not download

- Review your setup information and make sure it is correct.
- The TV must be off to download information. Leave your TV off overnight, for at least 10 hours, to receive a download for your area.
- If you are using a cable box, make sure the cable box is on in order to receive program information.

Scheduled Watch or Record does not occur

- Check Schedule for timer conflicts.
- Check that IR controllers are attached securely and directly over the remote sensor.
- Leave your VCR turned off to record programs.
- Make sure there is a tape in the VCR and that the VCR is properly connected.

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CHANNEL MARKER

There are several indicators that may come up when you press the POWER or INFO button. This display is called the Channel Marker.

12:01 Displays the current time.

CC Displayed when Closed Captioning is available on the current channel.

ESPN Displays the label assigned to the current channel.

60 Displays the current channel or input channel. If yellow, pressing channel up and down changes this channel.

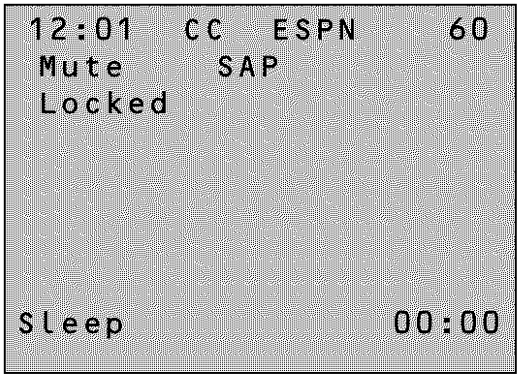
Mute (or Stereo) Mute is displayed when you mute the audio. Stereo is displayed when the current channel is broadcasting in Stereo.

SAP Displayed when the current channel is broadcasting SAP (Second Audio Program) information.

Locked Displayed when Parental Controls are locked.

Sleep Displayed when the Sleep Timer has been set.

00:00 Displayed to count down time left on the commercial skip (SKIP) timer.



Sample displays on a Channel Marker.

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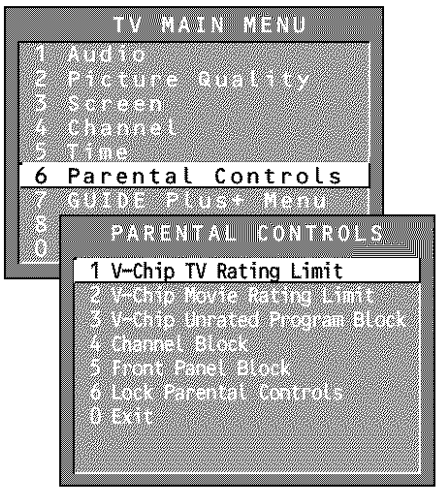
PARENTAL CONTROLS AND V-CHIP



The Parental Controls menu allows you to program your TV so that children cannot see certain programs, channels, or use the front panel controls.

The first three choices in the Parental Controls menu involve a chip inside your TV (called V-Chip) which allows you to "block" TV programs and movies based on violence, sex, or other content you may believe children should not view. In other words, it lets you program your TV so it will not display certain programs. Once you block programs, you or other adults are not limited to only parent-approved programs; you can "unblock" programs by entering a password.

The V-Chip inside your TV comes turned "off," so if you choose not to implement it, you can just ignore it.

When turned "on," the V-chip reads a code that most broadcasters send with programs. That code tells the V-Chip the program's age-based rating (TV-MA, TV-14, etc.) and content themes (Violence (V), Adult Language (L), etc.). If you have blocked the rating and/or content themes that the program contains, you will receive the message, "This channel is not approved for viewing," when you turn to that particular channel. Broadcasters are not required to provide content themes, so programs received with no content themes will only be blocked if you block their age-based rating. You can also block out programs that have been given a rating of "Not Rated," and programs that are considered "unrated" because no code has been sent by the broadcaster.

The TV age-based ratings and content themes you can block are listed in the table below.

Age-Based Rating	Description and Content Themes for Age-Based Ratings
TV-MA	Mature Audience Only. Specifically designed to be viewed by adults and may be unsuitable for children under 17. It contains one or more of the following content themes: **crude indecent language (L), explicit sexual activity (S), or graphic violence (V).**
TV-14	Parents Strongly Cautioned. Contains some material that many parents would find unsuitable for children under 14. Parents are strongly urged to exercise greater care in monitoring this program and are cautioned against letting children under the age of 14 watch unattended. This program contains one or more of the following content themes: **intensely suggestive dialogue (D), strong coarse language (L), intense sexual situations (S), or intense violence (V).**
TV-PG	Parental Guidance Suggested. Contains material that parents may find unsuitable for younger children. Many parents may want to watch it with their younger children. The program contains one or more of the following content themes: **some suggestive dialogue (D), infrequent coarse language (L), some sexual situations (S), or moderate violence (V).**
TV-G	General Audience. Most parents would find this program suitable for all ages. It contains **little or no sexual dialogue (D), no strong language (L), and little or no sexual situations (S) or violence (V)**.
TV-Y7	Directed to Children 7 years and older. Designed for children ages 7 and above. It may be more appropriate for children who have acquired the developmental skills needed to distinguish between make-believe and reality. Themes and elements in this program may include mild **fantasy violence (FV)** or comedic violence, or may frighten children under the age of 7.
TV-Y	All Children. Themes and elements in this program are designed for a young audience, including children from ages 2-6. It is not expected to frighten younger children.

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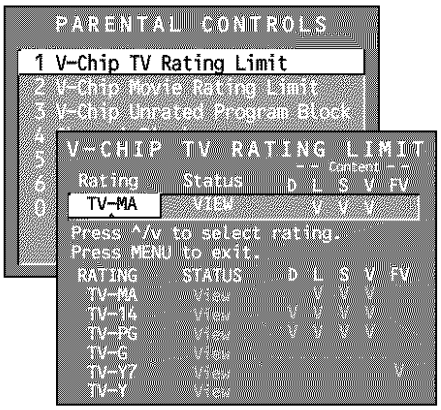
V-CHIP TV RATING LIMIT



The V-Chip TV Rating Limit lets you decide what TV programs can and cannot be viewed.
To set TV programming limits:

1. Choose *Parental Controls* from the Main menu. If Parental Controls have previously been locked, you must enter your password. If they are not locked, you will get a message reminding you that your limits will not be effective until you lock Parental Controls.
2. Press MENU to continue.
3. Highlight and select *V-Chip TV Rating Limit*.
4. Once you get to the V-Chip TV Rating Limit screen, use the arrows and OK on your remote to change the status of a TV program rating or content theme from *View* to *Block*.

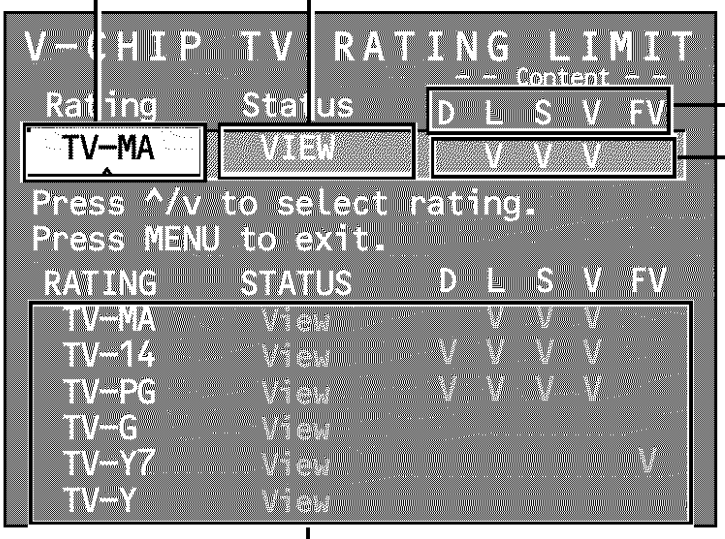
The following sections give you more details about how to change the status of TV program limits.

The Ratings Limits Screen

Below is an example of where items are located within the Rating Limits screen.

Rating Field
Lets you select from a list of age-based ratings you can block or view.

Rating Status Field
Lets you select whether the status of the age-based rating limit to the left is View or Block.



Content Themes
Lists the content themes you can block or view.

Content Status Fields
Lets you select which content themes to view for the selected rating, and whether the status of the content theme is currently View (V) or Block (B).

Rating Settings Area
Lets you see the current block/view state of age-based ratings and associated content. The View (V) settings are coded in green, and the Block (B) settings are coded in red.

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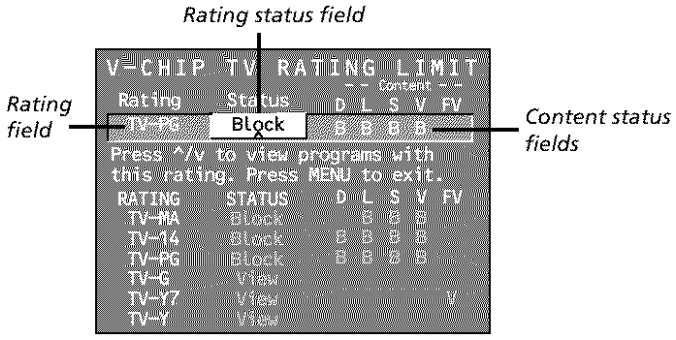
Blocking Age-Based Ratings

You can automatically block all program ratings above a specified age-based rating level. For example, if you only want your child to watch programs that have a TV-G rating and lower (in other words, you want the child to watch TV-G, TV-Y7, and TV-Y), then you need to block out other programming with higher ratings.

To block programs with higher ratings:

1. First, determine the lowest level rating you do not want the child to watch.
2. Use the left and right arrows to highlight the Rating Field.
3. Use the up and down arrows on the remote to scroll through the age-based rating limits. Keep scrolling until the rating corresponding with the lowest rating you do not want the child to watch appears.

   In the example discussed above, you would scroll through the rating field until TV-PG appears, since the highest rating you want the child to watch is TV-G.
4. Use the right arrow to move the yellow highlight to the rating status field.
5. Press the up or down arrow to toggle between *View* and *Block*. The status for the rating listed to the left and all higher ratings automatically changes to *Block* (and *B).*



6. Press MENU or OK on the remote to return to the menu or exit the screen when you are finished.
7. Select Lock Parental Controls from the Parental Controls menu. Enter a password, and if you have not already set your password, you will be prompted to enter it again to confirm.

When you change the status of a rating to *Block*, the system will automatically block higher ratings and all corresponding content themes.

Hierarchy of Age-Based Ratings	
TV-MA	Mature Audience Only
TV-14	Parents Strongly Cautioned
TV-PG	Parental Guidance Suggested
TV-G	General Audience
TV-Y7	Directed to Children 7 Years and Older
TV-Y	All Children

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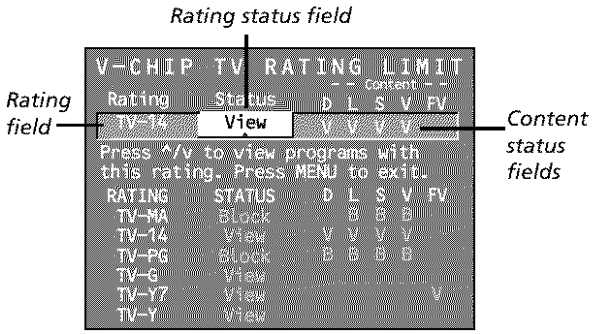
Viewing Age-Based Ratings

After you block age-based ratings, you have the option of changing some of the ratings back to *View*.

1. Determine which blocked rating you want to view.
2. Use the left and right arrows to highlight the Rating Field.
3. Use the up and down arrows to select the rating whose status is *Block*.
4. Press the right arrow to move the yellow highlight to the rating status field.
5. Press the up or down arrows to toggle between *View* and *Block*.

Note that the content status fields corresponding to the unblocked rating become *View* as well. They and the age-based rating status are the only fields that automatically change back to *View* when you complete this process.



You must remember to Lock Parental Controls for rating limits to take effect.

Blocking Specific Content Themes

You can block programs based on their content. (Content is represented by the D, L, S, V, and FV on your screen. See the beginning of this section for details.) When you block a content theme for a particular rating, you automatically block that content theme for higher rated programs as well.

For example, if you do not want your child to watch programs that have adult language (L) rated TV-PG or higher, then you could block out all programming TV-PG and above containing adult language.

To block program content:

1. Determine the lowest level of content you do not want the child to watch.
2. Use the left and right arrows to highlight the Rating Field.
3. Use the up and down arrows on the remote to scroll through the age-based ratings until the rating that corresponds with the lowest content you do not want the child to watch appears. (In the example above, you would scroll through the ratings until the TV-PG rating appeared.)
4. Press the right arrow to move the highlight to the field corresponding with the content theme you wish to block out.
5. Press the up or down arrow to change content status from *V* to *B*. All higher ratings' content theme will automatically change to *B*.

Content Themes	
D	Sexually Explicit Dialogue
L	Adult Language
S	Sexual Situations
V	Violence
FV	Fantasy Violence

Broadcasters are not required to provide content themes or age-based ratings. Programs received with no content themes will only be blocked if you block their age-based rating.

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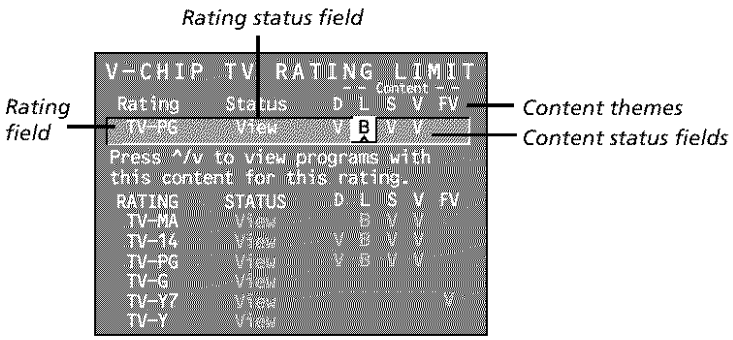


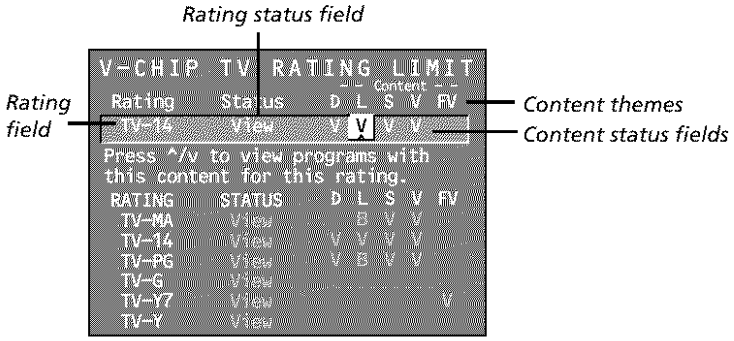
You must remember to Lock Parental Controls for rating limits to take effect.

6. Press MENU or OK to return to the menu or exit the screen.

Viewing Specific Content Themes

If you block specific content themes, you have the option of going back and changing some of the content themes back to View (V):

1. Determine the content themes you want to change to View (V).
2. Use the left and right arrows to highlight the Rating Field.
3. Use the up and down arrows to scroll through the age-based ratings until the rating whose content theme you want to change to *View* appears.
4. Press the right arrow to move the yellow highlight to a particular content theme status, such as the *B* under language (L) corresponding with TV-14.
5. Press the up or down arrows to change its status back to *V*. Your child would then be able to watch programs with TV-14 adult language content, but not programs with TV-PG or TV-MA language content.



Note that only the content theme status corresponding to TV-14 language (L) changes to View (V). Higher rated content themes, such as that for TV-MA language, do not change.

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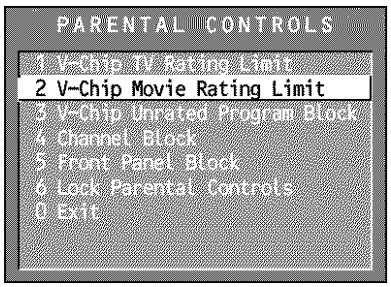
V-CHIP MOVIE RATING LIMIT

You set movie rating limits by blocking movies rated above a specified level.

Blocking Movie Ratings

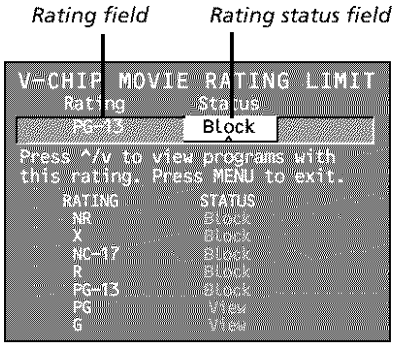
If you only want your child to watch movies that have a PG rating and lower (in other words, movies rated PG and G), then you could automatically block out all other movies with higher ratings.



To block movies:

1. Highlight the rating field and press the up and down arrows to find the rating that is the lowest rating you do not want the child to watch. (In the example above, you would point to the rating status button corresponding to PG-13, since the highest rating you want the child to watch is PG.)
2. Use the right arrow to highlight the rating status field. Press the up and down arrows to change the button from *View* to *Block*. All higher ratings' *View* buttons will automatically change to *Block*.

Some movies may be given a Not Rated (NR) rating. After blocking movie ratings, you must set NR to View separately to view NR movies.



3. Press OK to return to the menu or exit the screen.
4. If Parental Controls are not locked, you must lock them so the movie rating limits will take effect. See the section *Locking Parental Controls*.

You must remember to Lock Parental Controls for rating limits to take effect.

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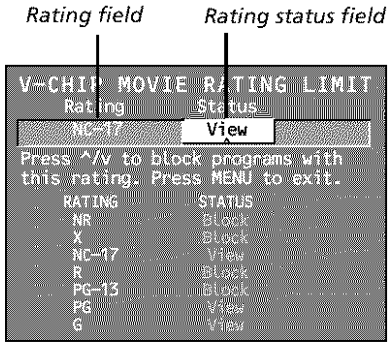
Viewing Movie Ratings

After you block movie ratings, you have the option of changing some of the rating status buttons back to View:

1. Highlight the rating field and press the up and down arrows to find the rating you want to view.
2. Use the right arrow to highlight the rating status field. Press the up and down arrows to change the button from *Block* to *View*.

For example, if movies with a rating of PG-13 and higher are blocked, you can change the rating status button corresponding with NC-17. Your child would then be able to watch all movies with a G, PG, and NC-17 rating.

3. Press MENU or OK to return to the menu or exit the screen, and be sure parental controls are locked (see the section *Locking Parental Controls*).

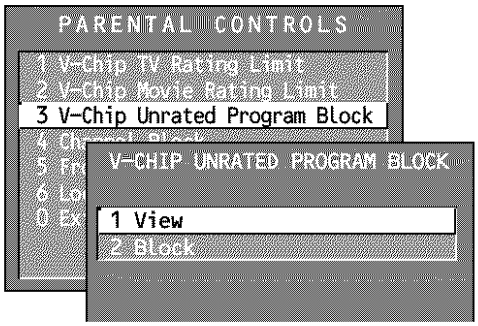


V-CHIP UNRATED PROGRAM BLOCK

Selecting this option lets you decide if programs that the V-Chip recognizes as "unrated" can be viewed. Note that "unrated" TV programs may include news, sports, political, religious, local and weather programs, emergency bulletins, public announcements, and programs without ratings.

View All unrated programs are available.
Block All unrated programs are not available.

Don't forget to lock parental controls after you change the status of unrated program viewing. If you do not, the block will not take effect.



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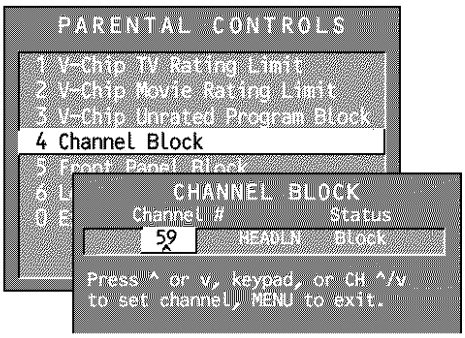
CHANNEL BLOCK

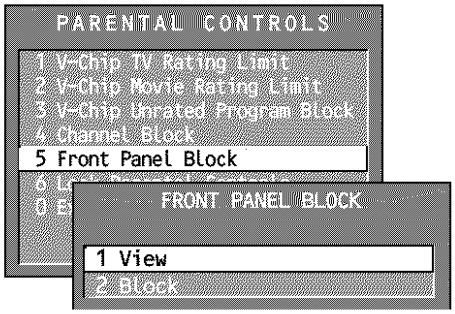


Selecting this option lets you decide what channels can be viewed.

View Makes the selected channel viewable.
Block The front panel CH (channel) buttons will tune only to channels that you have marked as *View*. The remote will still tune to the blocked channel if you use the digits to access the channel, but it will be blocked.

Don't forget to lock parental controls after you change the status of Channel Block. If you do not, the channel block will not take effect.

FRONT PANEL BLOCK



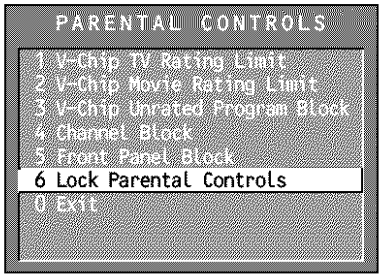
Selecting this option lets you block (disable) or unblock (enable) the TV's front panel. The remote still tunes to any channel. Front Panel Block can:

- Keep children from watching TV when the parent is not present.
- Keep small children from playing with the buttons.

(When using this as a Parental Control method, you should remove access to any remote capable of controlling the front panel while you have the front panel blocked.)

Don't forget to lock parental controls after you change the status of front panel block. If you do not, the front panel block will not take effect.

LOCK/UNLOCK PARENTAL CONTROLS



Selecting this option lets you lock and unlock parental controls settings using a password.

If you do not lock parental controls, none of the settings for V-Chip, Channel Block, or Front Panel Block will take effect.

If you forget your password, press and hold TV on the remote and the MENU button on the television simultaneously for 3 seconds. Parental controls will then unlock and you can re-enter a password via *Lock Parental Controls*.

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TROUBLESHOOTING

Troubles sometimes are caused by simple "faults" that you can correct without the help of a service technician. If you experience any difficulty with your TV, check a few basic remedies before calling your service technician.

TV will not turn on

- Check to make sure it is plugged in.
- Check the wall receptacle (or extension cord) to make sure it is "live" by plugging in something else.
- Maybe batteries in remote control are "dead."
- Maybe remote control is not aimed at remote sensor.
- The front panel controls may be locked (disabled). Use the remote control to unlock the front panel controls by selecting the *Front Panel Block* in the Parental Controls menu and choosing *View*.

Controls don't work

- The front panel controls may be locked (disabled). Use the remote control to unlock the front panel controls by selecting the *Front Panel Block* in the Parental Controls menu and choosing *View*.
- Try unplugging set for two minutes and then plug it back in and turn it on again.

Problems with remote

- Maybe something is between the remote and the remote sensor.
- Maybe batteries in remote are weak, dead or installed incorrectly. Try replacing batteries.
- Remove batteries and hold number 1 for at least 60 seconds to drain the microprocessor inside the remote. Release number 1 and replace the batteries.

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Guide comes on when I turn on TV

- The GUIDE Plus+ system automatically comes up when you use the POWER button on the remote to turn on the TV. You can turn off this feature by selecting *GUIDE Plus+ Auto Display* from the *GUIDE Plus+ Menu*, and setting it to *Off*.

Turns off while playing

- You may have scheduled the TV to turn off via the Schedule function. To remove, press MENU to bring up the Main menu and select Time. Then choose Schedule from this menu. Follow the on-screen directions to reset the schedule.
- You may have scheduled a sleep timer to automatically turn the TV off. If so, simply turn the TV back on by pressing the POWER button.
- Electronic protection circuit may have been activated because of a power surge. Wait 30 seconds and then turn on again. If this happens frequently, the voltage in your house may be abnormally high or low.

TV Turns on unexpectedly

- Scheduled On or Watch from the GUIDE Plus+ system may have been activated. To remove this from the Schedule, press MENU bring up the Main menu and select Time. Then choose Schedule from this menu. Follow the on-screen directions to reset the schedule.

Blank screen

- Maybe the component connected to the input jacks is not turned on.
- Try another channel.
- Maybe you have set Parental Controls to block the channel.

No sound, picture okay

- Maybe the sound is muted. Try pressing the volume up button to restore the sound.
- Maybe the speakers are turned off.

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Not receiving all cable channels

- Make sure you have set up the GUIDE Plus+ menu to recognize your cable box. Select GUIDE Plus+ Menu from the Main menu, then select Setup from the GUIDE Plus+ menu. Choose "Yes" when asked if you have a cable box. Then select *Setup* from the Main menu and make sure to search for all channels when prompted.

Can't select certain channel

- Channel may be blocked or not approved in the Parental Controls menu.

Noisy stereo reception

- Maybe you are tuned to a weak station. Change to mono sound mode instead of stereo sound by going into the Audio menu and choosing *Audio Processor*.

No picture, no sound, but TV is on

- Maybe the cable/air setting is set to the wrong position. To fix, select *GUIDE Plus+ Menu* from the Main menu, select the Setup option, and provide the correct information on the following screens.
- Maybe a vacant channel is tuned.
- If you are watching the VCR (connected only through antenna input), make sure the TV is tuned to channel 3 or 4—same as the CH3/4 switch on the VCR.

Sound okay, picture poor

- Check antenna connections.
- Try adjusting sharpness function to improve weak signals.

Black box appears on the screen

- Captioning may have turned on. Check the Closed-Caption Display control panel in the Channel menu.

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GUIDE Plus+ IR controllers not working

- Check to make sure the controllers are positioned correctly over the IR remote sensors.
- Your remote may be interfering with the IR controller. Place a piece of dark tape over the IR controller.
- GUIDE Plus+ system control of cable box is slower than direct control of the box itself when changing channels.

CARE AND CLEANING

Caution: Turn OFF your TV before cleaning.

You can clean the TV as required, using a soft lint-free cloth. Be sure to occasionally dust the ventilation slots in the cabinet to help assure adequate ventilation.

The TV's screen may be cleaned with a soft, lint-free cloth as well. Take care not to scratch or mar the screen. If necessary, you may use a cloth dampened with warm water.

Never use strong cleaning agents, such as ammonia-based cleaners, or abrasive powder. These types of cleaners will damage the TV.

While cleaning, do not spray liquid directly on the screen or allow liquid to run down the screen and inside the TV. Also, avoid placing drinks or vases with water on top of the TV. This could increase the risk of fire, shock hazard, or damage to the TV.

CAUTION

If fixed (non-moving) images are left on the screen for long periods of time, they may be permanently imprinted on the screen. Such images include network logos, phone numbers, and video games. This damage is not covered by your warranty. Extended viewing of channels displaying these images should be avoided.

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RCA DIRECT VIEW TV (5" - 35") LIMITED WARRANTY

What your warranty covers:

- Any defect in materials or workmanship.

For how long after your purchase:

- 90 days for labor charges.
- One year for parts.
- Two years for the picture tube.

The warranty period for rental units begins with the first rental or 45 days from date of shipment to the rental firm, whichever comes first.

What we will do:

- Pay any Authorized RCA Television Service Center the labor charges to repair your television.
- Pay any Authorized RCA Television Service Center for the new or, at our option, refurbished replacement parts and picture tube required to repair your television.

How you get service:

- For screen sizes of 26" and smaller: Take your RCA television to any Authorized RCA Television Service Center and pick up when repairs are complete.
- For screens sizes larger than 26": Request home service from any Authorized RCA Television Service Center, provided that your television is located within the geographic territory covered by an Authorized RCA Television Service Center. If not, you must take your television to the Service Center location at your own expense, or pay for the cost the Service Center may charge to transport your television to and from your home.
- To identify your nearest Authorized RCA Television Service Center, ask your dealer, look in the Yellow Pages, or call 1-800-336-1900.
- Show the Authorized Service Center Representative your sales receipt or other evidence of purchase date or first rental.

What your warranty <u>does not</u> cover:

- Customer instruction. (Your Owner's Manual clearly describes how to install, adjust, and operate your television. Any additional information should be obtained from your dealer.)
- Installation and related adjustments.
- Signal reception problems not caused by your television.
- Damage from misuse or neglect.
- Batteries.
- Customer replacement fuses.
- Images burnt onto the screen.

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- A television that has been modified or incorporated into other products or is used for institutional or other commercial purposes.
- A television purchased or serviced outside the U.S.A.
- Acts of God, such as but not limited to lightening damage.

Product Registration

- Please complete and mail the Product Registration Card packed with your TV. It will make it easier to contact you should it ever be necessary. The return of the card is not required for warranty coverage.

How state law relates to this warranty:

- This warranty gives you specific legal rights, and you also may have other rights that vary from state to state.

If you purchased your product outside the United States:

- This warranty does not apply. Contact your dealer for warranty information.

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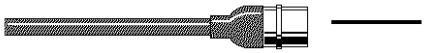
Accessory Information

Antenna (or cable-TV) connections are made with either coaxial antenna cable or twin-lead cable. Coaxial cables are shielded so they are less susceptible to hum or interference from adjacent cables.

Most audio/video connections between components can be made with shielded audio and video cables that have RCA-type phono connectors.



Push-on Connector

Screw-on Coaxial Connector

Round 75-ohm coaxial cable

Flat 300-ohm twin-lead cable

Standard Audio/Video cable with RCA-type phono plugs (such as No. VH83)

Color-Coded Jacks

The jacks on the TV's monitor panel are color-coded for ease of use. The video jacks are yellow, the right audio jacks are red, and the left audio jacks are white. When connecting components to each other, be sure that you always connect left outputs to left inputs and right outputs to right inputs. If a component has only one output (mono), connect it to the r/mono input jack.

To connect S-VHS (Super-VHS) components, an S-VHS video cable is required.

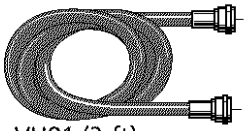
S-Video cable (such as No. VH913)

Gold-Plated Jacks and Gold-Tipped Cables

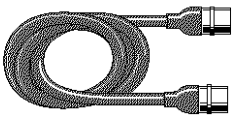
Gold plating helps prevent oxidation of contacts which provides much less loss than conventional contacts. A complete line of gold-tipped cables is available to help you obtain optimum performance from your equipment.

The following accessories are available from most dealers and electronics supply stores in case you want to position your components farther apart or need additional cables.

Antenna Cables



VH81 (3-ft)
VH82 (6-ft)

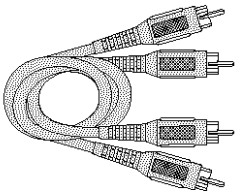


Screw-on Cable attaches to the round antenna connectors (called 75-ohm F-type) on the back of your VCR or TV. The ends screw onto the connectors for a secure connection.

Push-on Cable attaches to the round antenna connectors (called 75-ohm F-type) on the back of your VCR or TV. Ends push on for a quick connection.

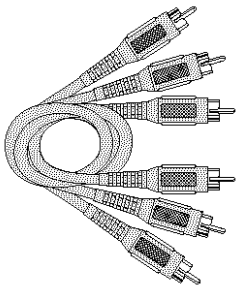
Audio/Video Cables

VH89 (6-ft)



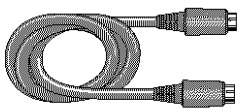
Gold-Tipped cable
VH83 (6-ft)

Monaural VCR Dubbing Cable Double cable that lets you connect the video and audio jacks of two VHS VCRs to duplicate tapes. Can also be used to connect a VCR to your TV. Cable is color-coded and shielded. Has RCA-type phono plugs on each end.



Gold-Tipped cable
VH84 (6-ft)

Stereo VCR Dubbing Cable Triple cable that lets you connect the VIDEO and AUDIO jacks of stereo components.



VH976 (6-ft)
VH913 (12-ft)

S-Video Cable has multi-pin connectors on each end for connecting S-Video components to your TV.

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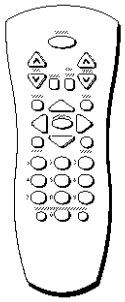
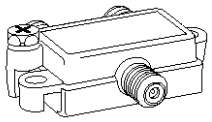


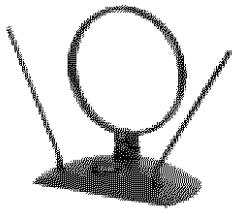
CRK17TA1

Remote Control This is the remote control that came packed with your TV. Replacements or spares can be ordered as needed.



Splitter
VH47

2-way Signal Splitter helps you connect to a second TV or VCR.



ANT200

Amplified VHF/UHF/FM Antenna allows you to easily switch from the antenna signal to cable or satellite easily without disconnecting antenna.

Accessory Order Form

Description	Part No.	Price	Qty	
Screw-on antenna cable (3-ft)	VH81	$4.95		
Screw-on antenna cable (6-ft)	VH82	$6.95		
Push-on antenna cable (6-ft)	VH89	$5.95		
Monaural VCR Dubbing Cable (6-ft)	VH83	$5.95		
Stereo VCR Dubbing Cable (6-ft)	VH84	$9.95		
S-Video Cable (6-ft)	VH976	$7.95		
S-Video Cable (12-ft)	VH913	$8.95		
2-way Signal Splitter	VH47	$3.95		
Amplified Antenna	ANT200	$49.95		
Antenna Mixer	193984	$11.15		
Remote Control (CRK17TA1)	240895	$39.95		
Audio•Video Adapter	228449	$4.45		

Prices are subject to change without notice.

Total Merchandise ..... $ _____

Sales Tax ..... $ _____

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